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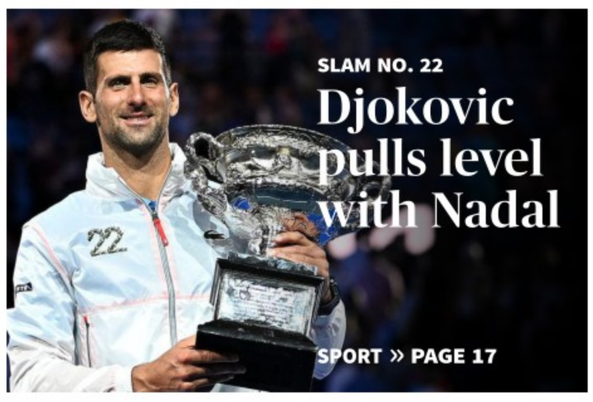

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Bharat Jodo Yatra has given an alternative vision of politics: Rahul Gandhi

Peerzada Ashiq
Sandeep Phukan
SRINAGAR

The Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) has given an alternative vision of politics to the country, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Sunday, after unfurling the Tricolour at Srinagar's historic Lal Chowk to mark the end of his 135-day foot march from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir.

Challenging the Narendra Modi government's narrative that security situation in Jammu and Kashmir had improved after August 5, 2019, when its special status under Article 370 of the Constitution was removed, Mr. Gandhi dared Home Minister Amit Shah to do a similar yatra from Jammu to Lal Chowk.

Reiterating his position that the Bharat Jodo Yatra had opened "shops of love in a market of hate" (*nafrat ke bazaar main mohabbat ki dukaan*), he talked about an alternative vision of politics.

Rahul Gandhi unfurls the National Flag at Lal Chowk in Srinagar on Sunday. ANI

The concluding day of the yatra saw some last-minute change of plans as Mr. Gandhi, accompanied by party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and other senior leaders, made an unscheduled march towards the Ghanta Ghar in Lal Chowk from the Pantha Chowk stopover.

At the historic clock tower, which has often been in the news in the past when separatist groups hoisted Pakistani flags there, Mr. Gandhi unfurled the National Flag and sang the National Anthem.

By his original plan, Mr. Gandhi was to unfurl the flag at the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) office on Monday, as the J&K administration had denied permission for him to do so at Lal Chowk. Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said the party had changed its plans as the administration allowed it on Sunday. The entire area around Lal Chowk was cordoned off, with multi-tier security set-up.

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Odisha Minister shot dead by former security officer

Naba Kisore Das died of bullet injuries, hours after the assistant sub-inspector of police shot him with his service revolver; in the melee, an inspector and another person sustained injuries

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kisore Das was shot dead by an assistant sub-inspector of police in Brajarajnagar town in the State on Sunday.

The accused, Gopal Das, who was posted at the Gandhi Chowk police outpost of the town. He had earlier been the personal security officer of the Minister.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Gopal Das reportedly fired from his service revolver at Gandhi Chowk when the Minister was stepping out of his vehicle. Mr. Naba Kisore Das had arrived in the town to inaugurate an office.

"As per preliminary information, the Minister was going to attend a function within the Brajarajnagar police station limits. Around 10 minutes past noon, when he came out of the vehicle, one person opened fire at him from a very close range," Deepak Kumar, Inspector-General of Police, Northern Range, said.

"The inspector in charge of the Brajarajnagar police station and a constable immediately overpowered the assailant. After two rounds of fire, the two police personnel managed to change the direction of his revolver-holding hand towards the sky. In this process, the inspector in charge sustained injuries and another person was hit by a bullet," Mr. Kumar explained.

Fatal attack: Odisha Minister Naba Kisore Das being taken for treatment after sustaining injuries in Brajarajnagar on Sunday. ANI

Hit by two rounds of bullets, the Minister collapsed, first in his car and then in a pool of blood on the ground. The police and supporters took him to the Jharsuguda district headquarters hospital, after which he was flown to Bhubaneswar for treatment at Apollo Hospital.

Despite the doctors' efforts, the Minister was declared dead around 8 p.m. According to Apollo Hospital, a bullet entered and exited the body, injuring his heart and left lung, causing internal bleeding.

Family members of the accused said he had mental depression. A Berhampur-based psychiatrist said Mr. Gopal Das was under his treatment for manic depressive disorder.

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BENGALURU
Ahead of the Assembly elections, Bengaluru, which has 28 of the total 224 seats in the State, will likely be in focus in the Union and State Budgets in February. » Page 4

Bury differences, Amit Shah tells BJP leaders

HUBBALLI
In a meeting of Belagavi BJP leaders held on Saturday night, party's key strategist Amit Shah reportedly did not mince words while conveying the strong message to them that they should bury their differences. » Page 6

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Hindenburg report driven by an ulterior motive, says Adani Group

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

The Ahmedabad-based Adani Group on Sunday night issued a detailed rebuttal to the allegations of "stock manipulation and accounting malpractices" levelled by the U.S. short-seller Hindenburg Research, dismissing all allegations and calling the Hindenburg report as an "attack on India and its independent institutions".

In a 413-page rejoinder issued before markets open on Monday, the Adani Group said the report was "baseless" and "driven by an ulterior motive to create a false market" and allow the U.S. firm to make financial gains. "This is not merely an unwarranted attack on any specific company but a calculated attack on India, the independence, integrity and quality of Indian institutions, and the growth story and ambition of India," it said.

Hindenburg has "conveniently ignored the Indian judiciary and regulatory framework", it added.

This is the first detailed response of the group led by billionaire Gautam Adani after the U.S. firm in a media statement on January 26 said it would "welcome" the Adani Group's threat of legal action. The short seller had said that its investigation report was prepared over a period of two years and involved visits to multiple countries, mining of documents and data and talking to executives who had worked with the Indian conglomerate.

Stressing that the group and its various entities are in compliance with the applicable laws, Adani Group added that all of its listed entities have a "robust governance framework".

It also reiterated in its statement that it would explore legal options. "We will exercise our rights to pursue remedies to safeguard our stakeholders before all appropriate authorities and we reserve our rights to respond further to any of the allegations or contents of the Hindenburg report," it said.

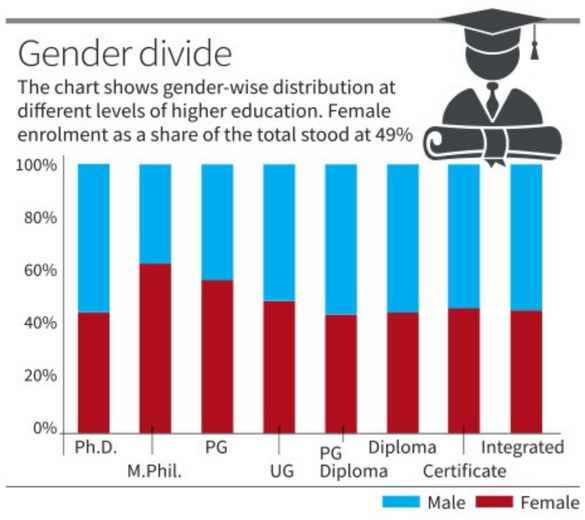
The report, which triggered a sell-off in the group's stocks, comes at a time when Adani Enterprises, the group's flagship firm, has launched a ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offer. The group has rubbished the 88 questions the report contains. "They are simply selective regurgitations of public disclosures or rhetorical innuendos colouring rumours as fact... Hindenburg has not published this report for any altruistic reasons but purely out of selfish motives and in flagrant breach of applicable securities and foreign exchange laws," the rejoinder stated.

Student enrolments in higher studies rose by 7.5% in 2020-21: AISHE data

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union Education Ministry on Sunday released data from the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2020-2021, which showed a 7.5% increase in student enrolments across the country from the 2019-20 figures, with the total enrolments reaching 4.13 crore.

The survey revealed that in 2020-21, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, there was a 7% rise in enrolments in distance education programmes. The data showed two lakh more Scheduled Caste students, about three lakh more Scheduled Tribe students and six lakh more Other Backward Classes students getting enrolled for higher education in 2020-21 than in the previous year.



"There is a notable increase in OBC student enrolment since 2014-15 of around 36 lakh (32%)," a Ministry statement said.

While the increase was noted in absolute numbers, the proportion of SC students dropped to 14.2% in 2020-21 from 14.7% the previous year and the proportion of OBC students to 35.8% from 37%.

The proportion of Muslim students dropped to 4.6% from 5.5% in 2019-20 with the proportion of "other minority students" dropping to 2% from 2.3%.

The number of students in the Persons with Disabilities category also dropped in 2020-21 to 79,035 from 92,831 the previous year. However, female enrolment had increased to 49% of the total enrolments in 2020-21 compared with 45% the previous year.

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LIC continues to bet on Adani, buys up 9,15,748 more shares

300 In ₹ crore, the investment by LIC in buying 9,15,748 more shares as an anchor investor in a ₹20,000-crore new share sale by Adani Enterprises. The value of shares that LIC holds in Adani group fell to ₹55,700 crore after the report of the U.S. short seller, but it is still is a net gainer by ₹27,300 crore over its original investment. PTI

Djokovic's win in Australian Open equals Nadal's record

22 The number of Grand Slams won by Novak Djokovic as he beat Stefanos Tsitsipas on Sunday to claim a 10th Australian Open title and equal Rafael Nadal's 22 Grand Slam crowns. However, the 36-year-old Spaniard is set to slide down the rankings when they are released on Monday, in contrast to Djokovic who will dethrone Carlos Alcaraz and return to the top. AFP

Latest mass shooting incident, the sixth in California this month

600 The number of mass shootings recorded in the U.S. in 2022. The latest shooting in an upscale Los Angeles neighbourhood which killed three people became the sixth mass shooting in California this month. The killings have dealt a blow to the State, which has some of the nation's toughest firearm laws and the lowest rates of gun deaths. AP

Go First to receive funds under the credit line guarantee scheme

210 In ₹ crore, the amount the Wadia group-owned Go First expects to receive under the government's credit line guarantee scheme next month as the budget airline seeks to boost its financial position and expand operations. Under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), Go First has so far availed ₹600 crore. PTI

Foreign portfolio investors pull out from Indian markets

17,000 In ₹ crore, the amount foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have pulled out this month due to the attractiveness of the Chinese markets and the cautious stance adopted by them ahead of the meeting of the U.S. Federal Reserve. PTI

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India's call to modify the Indus Waters Treaty

Why has India asked for changes in the 63-year-old treaty? What have been Pakistan's concerns regarding the Kishenganga hydropower project and the Ratle hydropower project in Kashmir? What has the International Court of Arbitration ruled?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:
In a notice to Pakistan on January 25, India said that it has been compelled to call for the 'modification' of the 63-year-old Indus Waters Treaty owing to Pakistan's persistent objections regarding India's Kishenganga (KHEP) and Ratle hydropower projects in Kashmir.

What is the Indus Waters Treaty?
In 1947, the line of partition, aside from delineating geographical boundaries for India and Pakistan, also cut the Indus river system into two. Both sides were dependent on water from the Indus river basin to keep their irrigation infrastructure functional and therefore, equitable distribution was needed. In 1951, when both the countries applied to the World Bank for funding their respective irrigation projects on Indus and its tributaries, the World Bank offered to mediate the conflict. Finally in 1960, an agreement was reached between the two countries, and the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) was signed by former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and then President of Pakistan, Ayub Khan. The former Vice President of the World Bank, W. A. B. Iliff, also signed it.

What are some of its key provisions?
The Indus river basin has six rivers – Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej – originating from Tibet and flowing through the Himalayan ranges to enter Pakistan, ending in the south of Karachi.

The treaty prescribed how water from the six rivers would be shared between India and Pakistan. It allocated the three western rivers – Indus, Chenab and Jhelum – to Pakistan for unrestricted use, barring certain non-consumptive, agricultural and domestic uses by India. Similarly, the three Eastern rivers – Ravi, Beas and Sutlej – were allocated to India for unrestricted usage. It also required both the countries to establish a Permanent Indus Commission constituted by permanent commissioners from both sides. The functions of the commission include serving as a forum for exchange of information on the rivers and as a first stop for the resolution of conflicts. Annexure D of the IWT allows India to build 'run of the river' hydropower projects (projects which do not require live storage of water). The treaty also allows Pakistan to raise objections over such projects being built, if it does not find them to be compliant with the rules.

A water crisis: Engineers and workers during the construction of the the Kishenganga project at Bandipora. NISSAR AHMAD

What are Pakistan's objections over the Kishenganga and Ratle projects?
Kishenganga, a tributary of the Jhelum river, originates in J&K and joins the river in Pakistan occupied Kashmir. The work for KHEP started in 2007, with a proposal to build a dam on the Kishenganga, diverting its water for a 330 MW hydropower plant in Kashmir's Bandipora and sending it back. The work for the project was supposed to be completed by 2016, but before the construction started, Pakistan had raised objections regarding the height of the dam, fearing it would mean increased water storage for India. Consequently, India agreed to alter the design by lowering its height from 97 metres to 37 metres. In 2010, Pakistan took the matter to the International Court of Arbitration at the Hague, this time, objecting to the diversion of water from Kishanganga. The Court gave India a green signal for the project (subject to conditions) in its final ruling in 2013. The conflict however, did not end here, with Pakistan approaching the World Bank three years later in 2016 and again in 2018, objecting to the design. It also tried to stop the construction of the dam in 2016 by firing shells near the dam site. The project was however, finally inaugurated in 2018. As for India's 850 megawatt Ratle hydroelectric power project on the Chenab river, Islamabad has repeatedly raised concerns over its design, insisting that India would use the project's reservoir to create deliberate and artificial water shortage or cause flooding in Pakistan. India's new call for modification of the Treaty comes from what it describes as Pakistani "intransigence" over its implementation.

India says that the dispute over the two projects has been brewing since 2015, when Pakistan asked for the appointment of a Neutral Expert (NE) to look into its objections to the Ratle and Kishenganga projects. Later in 2016, Pakistan changed its request and requested that the Arbitration Court should examine the issue. India followed this up by sending its own request to appoint an NE. India now alleges that by unilaterally changing its request from one dispute resolution mechanism to another, Islamabad has violated the IWT. Besides, the World Bank recently moved to act on both requests. Indian sources told *The Hindu* that "such parallel considerations on the same issues" were not covered under any provision of the IWT. To resolve the long-standing dispute, India has called for the Treaty's modification so that Pakistan is provided an opportunity to initiate "intergovernmental negotiations" within 90 days regarding the differences that the Indian side has described as a "material breach".

THE GIST

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- The work for the Kishenganga project started in 2007, to be completed by 2016. However, Pakistan kept raising objections regarding the height of the dam and later its design. As for India's 850 megawatt Ratle hydroelectric power project on the Chenab river, Islamabad has repeatedly raised concerns over its design.

Command postings for women officers in the Army

Which Supreme Court judgment led to the Army granting permanent commission to women officers? What are the measures being implemented to ensure adequate training of affected officers?

Dinakar Peri

The story so far:
The Army has stated that the process for selection of women officers to command assignments in the rank of Colonel, a major step towards bringing them at par with their male counterparts, has been conducted. This flows from the Supreme Court judgment of 2020 upholding an earlier judgment granting permanent commission (PC) as well as command postings to women officers in all arms and services other than combat.

What is the process?
The Army has conducted a Women Officers Special No 3 Selection Board from January 9 to 22 for promotion from the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel. A total of 244 women officers are considered for promotion. This is against the 108 vacancies released by the government to promote the affected women officers who are from various Arms and Services which include engineers, signals, Army Air Defence, Intelligence Corps, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps and electrical and mechanical engineers.

Based on the selection by the board, the first set of such postings will be issued by the end of January 2023. Following judicial intervention, the Army has granted PC to women officers at par with their male counterparts in all Arms and Services other than combat arms which are infantry, mechanised infantry and armoured.

Additionally, Army Chief General Manoj Pande announced that women officers would soon be inducted into the Corps of Artillery as well.

What do command postings mean?
Apart from medical and dental streams, since 2008 the Army had granted PC for women officers in the Education Corps and Judge Advocate General (JAG) branches where they already go to the rank of Colonel. However, they are largely administrative appointments unlike the regular arms and services where Colonels command officers and men and lead them from the front. A Commanding Officer (CO) is a very coveted position in the Army and therein lies its significance in it being opened up for women. In the past, women were recruited in various arms and services only as short service commissions, which meant they would have to leave service after 14 years, much short of the pensionable service of 20 years. In a landmark judgment in the Babita Puniya case in February 2020, the Supreme Court directed that women officers in the Army be granted PC as well as command postings in all services other than combat. Further, on March 25, 2021 the Supreme Court in *Lt. Col. Nitisha versus Union of India* held that the Army's selective evaluation process discriminated against and disproportionately affected women officers seeking PC. With reduction in the age profile of COs over the years, an officer now becomes a Colonel after about 16-18 years of service.

What is the way forward?
All women officers who were granted PC are undergoing special training courses and assignments to empower them for higher leadership roles. For the first time last year, five Women Officers (WOs) have cleared the Defence Services Staff Course and Defence Services Technical Staff Course Exam, which is held annually in the month of September. The five WOs will undergo a one year course which will give them adequate weightage while being considered for command appointments. These developments will allow women officers to assume challenging leadership roles, akin to their male counterparts, and also to go further up the rank structure. Women are being inducted in the ranks of sailors by the Navy under the Agnipath scheme and will soon be deployed onboard warships while the Army has inducted women as soldiers in the Corps of Military Police.

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PULSE-CHECK

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Dementia: the nature of the disease, how it progresses and ways you can help others

According to a 2020 report, there are around five million people in India living with dementia. There needs to be more awareness on brain illness and what people can do to prevent its onset. A senior geriatric psychiatrist and neurophysician explains

Alok Kulkarni

Pulse-check is a new section which will focus on articles and comments related to healthcare issues

Dementia is a clinical syndrome caused by a range of diseases or injuries to the brain. Worldwide, 47.5 million people have dementia, and up to 135.5 million could by 2050. According to a 2020 report, there are around five million people in India living with dementia.

Clinical presentation

The most common cause of dementia is Alzheimer's disease, which is implicated in up to 70% of dementia diagnoses. Early symptoms include absent-mindedness, difficulty recalling names and words, difficulty retaining new information, disorientation in unfamiliar surroundings, and reduced social engagement. Atypical symptoms include impairment in recognising visually presented objects despite a normal visual field, acuity and colour vision. Some might also experience word-finding difficulties.

As the disease progresses, there is a marked memory loss and loss of other cognitive skills, including reduced vocabulary and less complex speech patterns. This may be accompanied by mood swings, apathy, a decline in social skills, and the emergence of psychotic phenomena. Advanced disease is characterised by monosyllabic speech, psychotic symptoms, behavioural disturbance, loss of bladder and bowel control, and reduced mobility.

Evaluating dementia

Doctors diagnose dementia on clinical grounds using neuroimaging and neuropsychological tests. The first step is to obtain a comprehensive medical history of the individual from a reliable informant, that is someone who knows the individual well. Informants themselves can be influenced by their own mental states, so it is useful to speak with more than one informant.

A dementia that progresses slowly, over years, may point to Alzheimer's dementia. A dementia that progresses rapidly, over months, may point to dementia due to prion disease. It's useful to determine when the individual was last well instead of when the symptoms first showed themselves. Informants frequently minimise early symptoms by attributing them to "normal ageing".

Dementia affects cognition. Therefore, a cognitive assessment is central to evaluating dementia, using certain neuropsychological tests. The severity of dementia can be 'mild', 'moderate' or 'severe' based on the mini-mental state examination score. Further work-up using laboratory studies and brain-imaging will be required in most instances. However, as of today, there is no genetic or biomarker test that can be used to diagnose dementia.

Preventing dementia

The WHO has identified preventing Alzheimer's disease to be key to fighting the world's dementia epidemic. Economic analyses have found that delaying the onset of the disease by even one year could reduce its prevalence by 11%.

Prevention programmes usually focus on lifestyle risk factors together with mental well-being and risk of cardiovascular diseases. At least two large studies, in 1996 and 2009, have demonstrated a strong relationship between mid-life hypertension and dementia in later life. Current smokers have a 50% higher risk of developing dementia relative to those who have never smoked. Smoking cessation is known to reduce the risk to the level of never-smokers. Regular exercise helps offset cardiovascular health risks and improves cerebral perfusion, synaptic function, and stimulates the growth of new brain cells in the hippocampus.

There is also a robust link between depression in late life and the incidence of sporadic dementia. Having depression almost doubles the risk of developing dementia. So, treating depression in persons with established cognitive impairment is vital. Higher educational and occupational attainments have consistently been implicated as protection against developing dementia later in life. This is probably a result of the longer period of learning, which stimulates the development of larger and/or more complex neural networks.

How to treat dementia

Dementia care has four pillars. The first two include managing the important aspects of the disease, with a goal to reverse their effects or to delay its progression in the brain as well as managing the cognitive, neuropsychiatric, and functional symptoms. The other two pillars involve providing systematic, evidence-based supportive care to patients and to carers.

An ideal care-team includes a psychiatrist, occupational and physical therapists, a nurse, a psychologist, and a social worker. Non-pharmacological interventions form the first line of therapy except in emergencies. But over time, medicines often become integral to the care regime. Cognitive symptoms associated with dementia are treated with cholinesterase inhibitors. They have modest and temporary effects in 10-15% of persons with dementia and their effects last 6-12 months. They don't stop or reverse the degenerative process. However, the 2009 DOMINO study created the prevailing consensus that cholinesterase inhibitors shouldn't be stopped just because the point of severe dementia has been reached. There are some additional benefits to long-term treatment.

Dementia has some behavioural and psychological symptoms that precipitate a loss of independence, more responsibilities for carers, and early placement in nursing care. They require non-pharmacological interventions. Neuropsychiatric symptoms of dementia respond modestly to aromatherapy, physical therapy, and music therapy, among others.

Future trends

In the 2013 FINGER trial, researchers selected an ultra-high-risk population for dementia and trialled multi-domain interventions, involving changes to nutrition, physical activity, education, and cognitive training. The intervention group's cognitive outcomes improved 25-150% compared to the control group, which only received health advice.

Future studies will aim to demonstrate the benefit of such interventions on this principal public health outcome – the time before dementia onset. Despite large gains that may accrue from controlling risk factors, we will still need disease-modifying therapies to reduce the global burden of dementia.

We will also need a cultural transition – moving from dementia to a framework of brain health will destigmatise cognitive decline, empower people to take more responsibility towards prevention, and encourage society to adopt inclusive solutions to maintain functional independence.

Dr. Alok Kulkarni is a senior geriatric psychiatrist and neurophysician at the Manas Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Hubli.

Read more on this topic here
bit.ly/dementiapro

KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

Is she more of a live wire or a wet blanket?

If she is the latter, I will make my friend promise not to invite her to my function next week

S. Upendran

"I ran into Sujatha yesterday. She said that you guys had a lot of fun at the picnic."

"We certainly did. We would have probably had a great time if Rajiv hadn't showed up. The guy is such a wet blanket."

"Wet blanket? Does it mean someone who prevents other people from enjoying themselves?"

"Very good! When you refer to someone as being a wet blanket, what you're suggesting is that the individual does or says something that spoils everyone's mood."

"And in the process, prevents people from enjoying themselves."

"Exactly! The person dampens other people's enthusiasm."

"How about this example? *My cousin Hema is such a wet blanket that no one invites her to any of their parties*."

"Poor Hema!"

"Some of my friends think that just because I don't drink like them or crack dirty jokes, I'm a wet blanket."

"That's a pity! Someone needs to tell them what a live wire you are."

"Live wire? What are you talking about?"

"A live wire is a person full of energy. Someone whose company people enjoy."

"In other words, unlike a wet blanket, a live wire is someone who is fun to be around with."

"Exactly! The informal expression also suggests that the person is mentally alert and keeps people on their toes. You should see Asmita playing tennis. She's a real live wire on court."

"Unlike the former Vice Chancellor, the new one is a live wire."

"Let's hope she does something."

"Tell me, what's the connection between a wet blanket and curbing other people's enthusiasm?"

"In the past, whenever there was a fire, people sometimes used to pour water on a blanket and used the wet blanket to put the fire out."

"So, when you call a person a wet blanket....what's the fire he's putting out?"

"The person is not putting out a fire. Just like the wet blanket, he's smothering something. In this case, it's not a fire, but people's enthusiasm. The person is dampening everyone's mood."

"A wet blanket is not someone you want to have a conversation with at a party, I guess. If you'd asked me, I would have told you to not invite Rajiv to the picnic."

"Not to invite Rajiv."

"What?"

"You said, 'to not invite Rajiv to the party'. Careful users of the language would say, 'not to invite Rajiv to the party'. In such sentences 'not' and 'never' come before 'to'. Here's another example. *I promised him never to be late again.*"

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Word of the day

Intransigent:
impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason (used as an adjective)

Synonyms: inexorable, adamant

Usage: *She tried to persuade him to agree to the deal but he was intransigent*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/intransigentpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪn'tra:nsɪdʒənt,ɪn'transɪdʒənt/

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on leprosy on the occasion of World Leprosy Day that is observed every year on the last Sunday of January

Please send in your answers to
dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

V. V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
What is the contribution of French journalist Raoul Follereau to leprosy awareness?

QUESTION 2
Though WHO has earmarked the last Sunday of January as World Leprosy Day, why is it observed on January 30 every year in India?

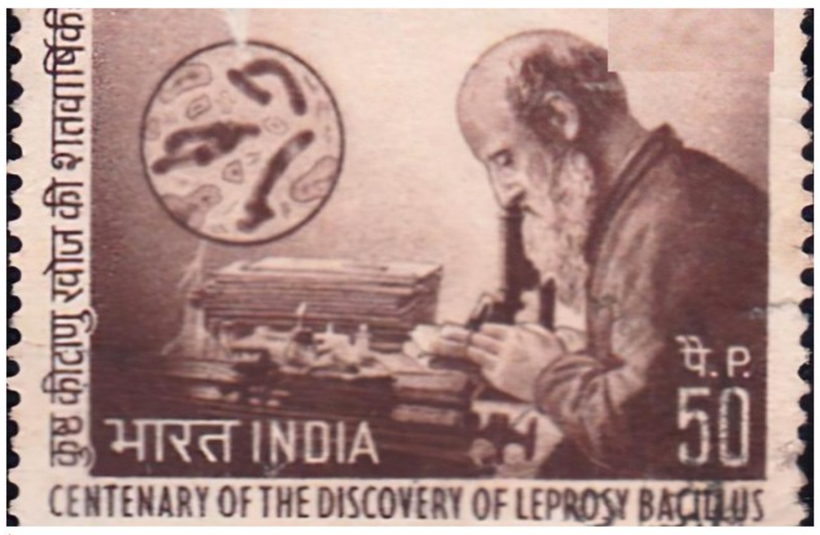
QUESTION 3
WHO has described leprosy as an NTD that still occurs in more than 120 countries. What is NTD?

QUESTION 4
There are two types of leprosy, Paucibacillary (PB) and Multibacillary (MB). What is the basic difference?

QUESTION 5
What are rifampicin, dapsone and clofazimine?

QUESTION 6
Who is Dr. Vivek Lal in the context of WHO's work on leprosy?

QUESTION 7
According to the WHO factsheet, how is the disease normally transmitted?



Visual question:
Name this Norwegian physician who discovered the Mycobacterium leprae, the causative agent of leprosy, 150 years ago on February 28, 1873. ISTAMPGALLERY

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the January 27 edition of the daily quiz: 1. The age at which Mahatma Gandhi got married. **Ans: 13**
2. The man Mahatma Gandhi considered as his mentor. **Ans: Gopal Krishna Gokhale**
3. This city hosts the the Gandhi Memorial Museum. **Ans: Madurai**
4. This Big Tech leader decided to wear round glasses as a tribute to Gandhiji. **Ans: Steve Jobs**
5. The name of the town 70 kilometres away from Madurai which is a rural community set up as an example on reviving village industries. **Ans: Gandhigram**
Visual: Identify this building and its connection with Gandhiji. **Ans: The Railway Station of Pietermaritzburg. Gandhiji was thrown off a train at this station on June 7, 1893.**

Early Birds: Richa Sharma| Deepak Prakash| Mahmood Lebbai| Andrew Kap Lian Gualnam| Tania Neogi

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Ahead of elections, Bengaluru likely to be in focus in Union, State Budgets

The city has 28 of the 224 Assembly seats in the State; CM likely to announce grant of ₹7,000 crore for BBMP through Nagarothana Scheme

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Ahead of the Assembly elections, Bengaluru, which has 28 of the total 224 seats in the State, will likely be in focus in the Union and State Budgets in February.

The pathetic condition of the city's roads and crumbling infrastructure, which gets exposed with even brief spells of rain, has often left the government embarrassed. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is not very confident of poll prospects in the city – evident in its repeated attempts to push civic elections – is keen to make a turnaround in its image ahead of the Assembly elections and the upcoming budgets provide an opportunity to do so.

"We want to create a buzz around big-ticket infrastructure projects that are getting implemented after a lull, be it suburban rail or the Satellite Township Ring Road (STRR). Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assurance that suburban rail project will be completed in 40 months has, we believe, enthused voters," said a senior Minister from the city.

Improving connectivity: Suburban railway work under way at Hebbal station in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Big grant, big plans

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also holds the charge of Bengaluru Development and Finance, will likely announce a grant of ₹7,000 crore for the city's civic body through the Nagarothana Scheme, up from ₹6,000 crore allocated in the 2022-23 Budget. Though the previous State Budget said ₹6,000 crore will be spent over three years, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has already issued work orders for the entire gamut of works. The Budget will likely announce the setting up of new waste processing plants, transfer stations, a rotary flyover to link Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappanahalli, among other projects.

He not only plans to focus on decongesting the city that he has spoken about repeatedly but also hopes to get sizeable investments in infrastructure that will help the city from the Union Budget, sources close to the Chief Minister said. The State government expects investments for suburban rail, STRR project, and special high-speed trains connecting the city to various parts of the State in the Union Budget.

Sources close to the Chief Minister said he is keen on developing satellite towns near the city to expand its growth and decongest it at the same time and that these towns will be along the alignment of the STRR. Mr. Bommai is expected to announce projects to develop Devanahalli, Doddaballapur, Nelamangala, and Bidadi and other towns around the city connected by the STRR and the newly inaugurated Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway, as satellite towns for the city.

Speaking at the first Jana Spandana Rally in Doddaballapur in September 2022, the Chief Minister announced his vision for Bengaluru as one with multiple satellite towns and announced the development of four. He also said these satellite towns should be developed with a focus on a particular industry such as health, aviation, and defence. Sources said the State has sought aid in the Union Budget for the development of one of the satellite towns as a Fintech City, on the lines of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City.

City budget

Meanwhile, the civic budget to be presented by officials for the third consecutive year, in the absence of an elected body, will likely be rendered a non-event as all the capital expenditure for the city will be announced in the State Budget to derive maximum political mileage out of it.

"Out of its own revenues, the civic body is capable of only carrying out maintenance works such as solid waste management, roads, and social welfare. We have convinced the Chief Minister that all capital expenditure in the city has to be driven by the State government itself," a senior official said.

INBRIEF

Furniture godown gutted

A furniture godown situated on Chunchaghatta main road at Puttenahalli was gutted in an accidental fire in the early hours of Saturday. The fire is suspected to have caused by electrical short circuit.

Passers-by noticed thick smoke coming out of the shop and alerted the Fire and Emergency Services control room. Two fire tenders rushed to the spot and put out the blaze. Though no one was injured, goods and furniture worth lakhs were destroyed.

On-duty KSRTC driver saves two girls from drowning

An on-duty driver of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) rescued two girls who were drowning in a lake in Sira taluk of Tumakuru district on Sunday. Manjunath M. was driving a bus on Sira-Nagappanahalli Gate route. When the bus reached Handikunte Gate bus stop at about 1.45 p.m., a woman in distress sought help to rescue her daughters who were drowning in a nearby lake. Mr. Manjunath rushed to the spot and rescued the girls.

Mr. Manjunath has been working in the KSRTC for 16 years and is attached to the Sira depot of the corporation. KSRTC managing director Anbu Kumar appreciated Mr. Manjunath's exemplary work in saving two lives.

The Hindu EducationPlus International Education Fair in city from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The education fair will be held at Christ University today and at Ramaiah University tomorrow from 10 a.m.

The Hindu EducationPlus's 19th edition of the International Education Fair will be held in Bengaluru on Monday and Tuesday at Christ University and Ramaiah University, respectively, from 10 a.m.

The fair will bring together expert delegates from consulates and over 50 top international universities and colleges all under one roof.

The fair will be a one-stop platform for aspiring students to gather information on overseas education. It will give them a holistic opportunity to interact with colleges, universities, consulates, and agencies from across the globe. Seminars and scholarships, visa counselling, and financial assistance for students will be part of the fair.

The education fair will also have a session on how to crack the GRE/GMAT exam. Registered students can take a free mock GRE/GMAT test at the venue.

Registration

To register, check out the link http://bit.ly/IEF2023. The event is presented by MPOWER Financing and powered by Learners Cortex and Magoosh.

The fair will be inaugurated by Pradeep P., Commissioner, Department of Collegiate and Technical Education.

The fair includes addresses on 'USA as an Education Hub and Visa Processing' by Sarath Kumar Velayutham - head of Admissions, Learners Cortex Magoosh; 'Financing your Education' by Supriyo Choudhury, senior manager - Global Business Development, MPOWER Financing, and a panel discussion on 'Banking Policies on Educational Loans' with Charu Kumar, assistant general manager, Retail Assets Wing, Canara Bank; and Jennifer R. White, head of Global Business Development, MPOWER Financing.

'Without a free and independent media, democracy is a sham'

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BENGALURU

Elections do not make a democracy. Hitler and others who wreaked havoc in the world and committed genocide were also elected to power. There must be a rule of law. The litmus test is a free press which works as the fourth estate and speaks truth to power, said Sashi Kumar, chairman, Asian College of Journalism, who delivered the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Lecture on 'Silenced voices: the threats to journalism in new India', in Bengaluru on Sunday. "Without a free and independent media, democracy is a sham," he said.

Sadly, those media houses and journalists discharging their duties earnestly are becoming targets of the mob or those who are encouraged to take the law into their own hands, he said. "We are living in lesser democracy or elected autocracy. In the World Press Freedom Ranking, we figure 150th out of 180 nations in the world. And when these reports come out, those in power dismiss them as lies. This is the crisis of our time," he said.

Filmmaker Kavita Lankesh, social activist Teesta Setalvad, and chairman of Asian College of Journalism Sashi Kumar at a programme organised by Gauri Memorial Trust on Sunday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

He lamented the silence of sections of the mainstream media on critical aspects of governance and the social situation in the country today. Those in power whose agenda is majoritarianism have also been able to manipulate sections of mainstream media and social media, creating a sense of political flux in the country, he said.

"Journalism should be adversarial to those in power. If you only need to multiply or amplify those who are in power, then it will end up becoming the public relations department of the government. Journalism needs to be critical, to interrogate, to give credit where it is due but certainly to point out lapses, sins of omission or sins of commission of those in power," he said, adding that the media that doesn't invigilate the role of legislature, executive, and judiciary will not only become irrelevant but also dangerous.

> The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act is draconian. Citizens should ask for repealing this law.
>
> **TEESTA SETALVAD,** social activist

Social activist Teesta Setalvad, chairperson, Gauri Memorial Trust, said the state was endangering the citizenry by weaponising the criminal justice system. "The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act is draconian. Citizens should ask for repealing this law. We have seen how intellectuals and activists are incarcerated and continue to suffer. Law is used to justify autocratic and extremely repressive actions of the state," she said.

Two arrested for harassing couple over road rage

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The Bellandur police on Saturday arrested a 24-year-old biker and his associate for harassing a couple travelling in a car in the early hours over a road-rage row on Sarjapur Road.

The couple, IT professionals, were returning home from their friend's house on the deserted Sarjapura Main Road at about 3 a.m. when the accused riding a motorcycle against a one-way crashed into the car. The rider started shouting and demanded that the driver get out to check. Sensing trouble, the driver reversed the car and drove away while the duo followed him for 5 km until he reached a safe area. The incident was captured on a dashboard camera which was later uploaded on the city police social media account seeking action.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused – Dhanush, a fishseller, and Rakshit, 20.

Timings
BENGALURU

MONDAY, JAN. 30		
RISE	06:46	SET 18:19
RISE	13:10	SET 01:26
TUESDAY, JAN. 31		
RISE	06:46	SET 18:20
RISE	13:55	SET 02:18
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 01		
RISE	06:46	SET 18:20
RISE	14:43	SET 03:12

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	18
Mysuru	30	12
Bengaluru	30	14

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool with haze and mist.

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INSA medal for nine young researchers

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It recognises their notable research contribution in science and technology

Nine researchers from Bengaluru have been awarded Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Medal for Young Scientists 2022 for making notable research contribution in science and technology.

While four of the award winners are faculty members of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), two are from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) and one each from the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) and Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), besides a Senior Research Scientist at Adobe Research in Bengaluru.

Srimonta Gayen from the Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development and Genetics, IISc, was awarded for his work in preventing the gender bias issue in babies born through in vitro fertilisation (IVF) and enhancing IVF success rate.

Subhojoy Gupta from the Department of Mathematics, IISc, was selected for his research in the area of Riemann surfaces.

Mohit Kumar Jolly from the Center For BioSystems Science And Engineering, IISc, whose research helped in better intervention strategies to curtail cancer metastasis and therapy resistance, bagged the award along with Venkatesh Rajendran from the Department of Mathematics for his specialisation in Kac-Moody algebras and their representations.

Likewise, Subhro Bhattacharjee and Manas Shreekanth Kulkarni from the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, TIFR, were awarded for outstanding contribution to the theory of phase transitions and for groundbreaking work on the phenomena of localisation, chaos, and transport in isolated and open systems, both quantum and classical, respectively.

Sarit S. Agasti from the New Chemistry Unit and Chemistry & Physics of Materials Unit, JNCASR, has been awarded for contributing towards the development of molecular assemblies. Asmita Sengupta from ATREE has been selected for her research on rhesus macaque.

Siddhartha Chaudhuri, Senior Research Scientist at Adobe Research, has been awarded for his fundamental scientific contribution to scalable computational and data-driven approaches towards shape understanding, synthesis, and re-construction of high-quality three-dimensional digital object.

The INSA Young Scientists award is considered as the highest recognition of promise, creativity, and excellence in a young scientist and is made annually to those distinguished for these attributes as evidenced by their research carried out in India.

READER'S MAIL

Ensure space for parking, for vendors

Sir, – Roads and footpaths have been dug up in several areas of Bengaluru over the past year or so. The work is far from being complete. Whenever the work is completed, the BBMP needs to ensure there is provision for parking and street vendors without obstructing the lanes on the road or footpath and that eateries and other shops do not block the footpath with their tables, chairs, and boards.

G. Padmanabhan,
Bengaluru

A step in the right direction

Sir, – The Karnataka Forest Department's decision to not release rescued or captured leopards back into the forests but instead house them at 'rescue centres' is a step in the right direction. The officials have also planned to crack the whip on the reckless dumping of poultry and meat waste on the periphery of forest patches besides regulating the rising trend of feeding strays on the outskirts. The State has witnessed back-to-back leopard attacks in the last few weeks, especially in southern districts, imperilling the lives of human beings and cattle.

N.J. Ravi Chander,
Bengaluru

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Total (₹)	3,112.00	3,276.00

** Constitutes 50% of the Floor/ Cap Price.*

In accordance with the recommendation of a Committee of Independent Directors of the Company, pursuant to their resolution dated January 18, 2023 the above provided price band is justified based on quantitative factors/ KPIs disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section vis-à-vis the WACA of primary issuances/ secondary transactions disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section provided in the RHP.

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- **The weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) of all Equity Shares transacted in the last 1 year, 18 months and 3 years preceding the date of the RHP:***

Period	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA	Range of acquisition price per Equity Share: lowest price - highest price (in ₹)
Last 1 year	2,884.83	1.14	1,564.31 - 4,125.20
Last 18 months	2,317.45	1.41	1,360.97 - 4,125.20
Last 3 years	1,104.57	2.97	124.76 - 4,125.20

** As certified by M/s. Shah Dhandaria and Co, LLP, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated January 18, 2023*

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

- **We expect our expenses to increase in the future as we continue to expand our operations and increase our investments in new business verticals, which will place significant demands on our management and our operational and financial resources, and if we fail to manage the growth of our existing businesses and to capitalize on our growth opportunities effectively, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected. In Fiscals 2022, 2021, 2020 and the six months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, our integrated resource management business contributed 69.4%, 59.4%, 70.1%, 78.0% and 69.4% of our total income, and our mining services business contributed 3.9%, 5.0%, 4.2%, 4.3% and 4.4% of our total income, respectively. Additionally, we ramped up our airports operations and it contributed 3.2% of our total income in the six months ended September 30, 2022. Our other businesses are at various stages of development and in line with our strategy we intend to expand, diversify and develop these businesses.**
- **Limited operating history of certain businesses: Some of our businesses, such as defence (started in 2017), airports (started in 2019), roads (started in 2018), data centers (first data center commissioned in October 2022), digital, water management, commercial mining, industrials manufacturing, among others and metals and manufacturing have limited operating histories, and may not serve as an adequate basis to evaluate our future prospects, results of operations and cash flows.**
- **Our integrated resource management business primarily depends on an increasing demand for imported coal in India and our ability to maintain a diverse supplier base.**
- **Certain companies within the Adani group are involved in various legal, regulatory and other proceedings. For instance, the Investigations Department of SEBI had approached our Company and certain companies within the Adani group (Adani Ports And Special Economic Zone Limited, Adani Total Gas Limited and Adani Transmission Limited, Adani Global Limited) for certain information and documents, and these requests have been responded by them to SEBI. In case any proceedings are initiated or adversely determined against them, it could have an adverse impact on our business and reputation.**
- **Our Promoter Group does not include certain immediate relatives of the spouses of our Promoters (which is in line with our historical practice), and relevant confirmations relating to them are based on publicly available information.**
- **The P/E ratio based on the cap price of ₹ 3,276 per FPO Equity Share and the diluted EPS for FY2022 of ₹7.06 per equity share is 464.02 times and may not be indicative of market price on listing or thereafter.**
- **Weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) based on the last five primary issuances or secondary transactions, not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP, is as below:**

Past Transactions	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)^	Floor Price (₹ 3,112) is 'x' times the WACA	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA
WACA of primary issuances	1,915.85	1.62	1.71
WACA of secondary issuances*	3,624.18	0.86	0.90

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

^ The above is basis the details of the last five primary issuances (excluding Equity Shares issued under ESOP/ESOS and issuance of bonus Equity Shares, as applicable) or secondary transactions (secondary transactions where Promoters, members of the Promoter Group, or Shareholder(s) having the right to nominate Director(s) on our Board, are a party to the transaction), not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP irrespective of the size of transactions.

- **The 10 BRLMs associated with the Offer have handled 97 public issues in the past three years, out of which 34 issues closed below the Offer Price on listing date :**

Name of BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues closed below IPO Price as on listing date
ICICI Securities Limited	7	1
Axis Capital Limited	8	3
IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited	1	1
IIFL Securities Limited	10	4
JM Financial Limited	4	-
Common Issues of all BRLMs	67	25
Total	97	34

BID/OFFER PROGRAMME

BID/OFFER OPEN
BID/OFFER CLOSES ON : TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023*

** UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 p.m. on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.*

In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days following such revision of the Price Band, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/Offer Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the Book Running Lead Managers and at the terminals of the members of the Syndicate and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Banks, as applicable.

The Offer is being made in terms of Regulation 155 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and through a book building process wherein not more than 50% of the Net Offer shall be allotted on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**", and such portion, the "**QIB Portion**"). Our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("**Anchor Investor Portion**"), out of which at least one-third shall be reserved for allocation to domestic Mutual Funds only, subject to valid Bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under- subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares shall be added to the portion of the QIB Portion less the number of Equity Shares Allotted to the Anchor Investors ("**Net QIB Portion**"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only, and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders other than Anchor Investors, including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares available for allocation will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders, in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, out of which (a) one third of such portion shall be reserved for Bidders with Bids exceeding ₹2,00,000 up to ₹10,00,000; and (b) two-third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with Bids exceeding ₹10,00,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("**RIBs**") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("**ASBA**") process by providing details of their respective bank account (including UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders) in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs, or by the Sponsor Banks under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* on page 698 of the RHP. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("U.S. Securities Act") or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, such Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) outside of the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where those offers and sales occur; and (ii) to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act) in transactions exempt from the registration requirements under the U.S. Securities Act. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered, listed or otherwise qualified in any other jurisdiction outside India and may not be offered or sold, and Bids may not be made by persons in any such jurisdiction, except in compliance with the applicable laws of such jurisdiction.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders'/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated Feb 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of the Company, please see the section *"History and Certain Corporate Matters"* on page 228 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of the Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, please see the section entitled *"Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection"* on page 723 of the RHP.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY: Limited by shares

AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of the Company is ₹ 4,90,42,00,000 divided into 4,85,92,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each and 45,00,000 preference shares of ₹10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is ₹ 1,14,00,01,121 divided into 1,14,00,01,121 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each. For details, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

NAMES OF THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association are Mahasukh S. Adani, Vinod S. Adani, Vasant S. Adani, Gautam S. Aadani, Rajesh S. Adani, Suvarna M. Adani, Pritiben G. Adani, Ranjan Vinodbhai Adani, Pushpa V. Adani and Shilin R. Adani. For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Company, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

LISTING: The Equity shares are listed on BSE and NSE. The FPO Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received 'in-principle' approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the FPO Equity Shares pursuant to letters dated January 17, 2023. For the purposes of the Offer, NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ("SEBI"): SEBI only gives its observations on the offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities or the offer document. The investors are advised to refer to page 669-670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to page 670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of BSE.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF NSE (DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE) : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of NSE.

GENERAL RISK: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and Bidders should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Bidders are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, Bidders must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The FPO Equity Share have neither been recommended, nor approved by the SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the Bidders is invited to *"Risk Factors"* on page 26 of the RHP.

THE FPO EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON BSE AND NSE

ASBA# | **Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!**

Applications supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account. For further details, check section on ASBA.

Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.

UPI-Now available in ASBA for all individual investors applying in public issues where the Bid Amount is up to ₹ 500,000* applying through Registered Brokers, Syndicate, DPs & RTAs. Retail Individual Investors and Non-Institutional Bidders also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account. Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN. Bidders must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021

*As this is an Offer of partly paid up FPO Equity Shares, the Application Bid Amount payable is up to ₹ 250,000

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI may be availed by Retail Individual Investors. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 698 of the Red Herring Prospectus. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India (**"AIBI"**) and BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges") and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/ OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on FPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank has been appointed as the Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For offer related queries, please contact the BRLMs on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail Id: fpo.upi@npci.org.in.

BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS

ICICI Securities Limited
ICICI Venture House, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400 025, Maharashtra, India, **Tel:** +91 22 6807 7100
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SEBI Registration Number: INM000011443

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REGISTRAR TO THE OFFER

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Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

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Bidders can contact the Compliance Officer or the Registrar to the Offer in case of any pre-Offer or post-Offer related problems such as non-receipt of Allotment Advice/letter of Allotment, non-credit of Allotted Units in the respective beneficiary account, non-receipt of refund orders and non-receipt of funds by electronic mode.

BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS

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Investor Grievance ID: complaints@axiscap.in
Website: www.axiscapital.co.in
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SEBI Registration Number: INM000012029

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Investor Grievance ID: investorgrievance@bobcaps.in
Website: www.bobcaps.in
Contact Person: Ninad Jape/ Nivedika Chavan
SEBI Registration Number.: INM000009926

IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited
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Tel: +91 22 2217 1953
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Investor Grievance ID: redressal@idbicapital.com
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Elara Capital (India) Private Limited
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Website: www.elaracapital.com, **Contact Person:** Astha Daga
SEBI Registration Number: INM000011104

AVAILABILITY OF THE RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the *"Risk Factors"* beginning on page 26 of the RHP, before applying in the Offer. A copy of the RHP is available on website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in and is available on the websites of the **BRLMs**, i.e.ICICI Securities Limited , Jefferies India Private Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, Axis Capital Limited, BOB Capital Markets Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, Monarch Networth Capital Limited, and Elara Capital (India) Private Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, www.jefferies.com, www.sbicaps.com, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.bobcaps.in, www.idbicapital.com, www.jmfl.com, www.iiflcap.com, www.mnclgroup.com and www.elaracapital.com , respectively and on the websites of BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORMS: Bid cum Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered Office of **ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED, Telephone:** +91 79 2555 5555; **BRLMs : ICICI Securities Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6807 7100; **Jefferies India Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4356 6000; **SBI Capital Markets Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4006 9807; **Axis Capital Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4325 2183; **BOB Capital Markets Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6138 9353; **IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, Tel:** +91 22 2217 1953; **JM Financial Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6630 3030/3262; **IIFL Securities Limited, Tel:** +91 22 46464728; **Monarch Networth Capital Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6883 6402; and **Elara Capital (India) Private Limited, Tel:** 91 22 6164 8599; **Syndicate Members: SBICAP Securities Limited, Tel:** +91-22-69316204; **Investec Capital Services (India) Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6849 7400; **Elara Securities (India) Private Limited, Tel:** + 91 6164 8599; **JM Financial Services Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6136 3400 and at the select locations of the Sub-syndicate Members (as given below), SCSBs, Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Offer. ASBA Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

Sub-Syndicate Members: Almondz Global Securities Ltd., Alankit Assignments Ltd., Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Ltd., Angel Broking, Bajaj Capital Ltd., Bajaj Financial Securities Ltd., Bonanza Portfolio Ltd., Centrum Broking Ltd., Edelweiss Broking Ltd., Edelweiss Securities Ltd., Eurekha Stock & Share Brokers Ltd., Finwizard Technology Private Limited, Globe Capital Markets Ltd., HDFC Securities Limited, IDBI Capital Markets and Securities Limited, JM Financial Services Limited, Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited, Keynote Capitals Limited, Kotak Securities Limited, LKP Securities Limited, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited, Nuvama Wealth and Investment Limited (Edelweiss Broking Limited), Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt. Ltd., Pravin Ratilal Share & Stock Brokers Ltd., Prudent Corporate Advisory Services Ltd., Religare Broking Ltd., Reliance Securities, RR Equity Brokers Pvt. Ltd., Sharekhan Ltd., SMC Global Securities Ltd., Systematix shares and stock India Ltd., Tradebulls Securities Limited, Upstox, Yes Securities (India) Ltd. and Zerodha

Escrow Collection Bank(s)/ Refund Bank(s): Axis Bank Limited • **Public Offer Account Bank :** Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited • **Sponsor Bank (s) :** Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited • **UPI**: UPI Bidders can also bid through UPI Mechanism

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

For ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Jatin Jalundhwala
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Ahmedabad
Date: January 28, 2023

ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED is proposing, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an further public Offer of its FPO Equity Shares and has filed the RHP with RoC on January 18, 2023. For details potential investors should refer to the Red Herring Prospectus dated January 18, 2023 and the notice to Investors dated January 27, 2023, published on January 28, 2023. The RHP is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and is available on the websites of the BRLMs i.e. ICICI Securities Limited, Jefferies India Private Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, Axis Capital Limited, BOB Capital Markets Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, Monarch Networth Capital Limited, and Elara Capital (India) Private Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, www.jefferies.com, www.sbicaps.com, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.bobcaps.in, www.idbicapital.com, www.jmfl.com, www.iiflcap.com, www.mnclgroup.com and www.elaracapital.com, respectively. Investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risk, please see the section entitled *"Risk Factors"* on page 26 of the RHP.

These materials are not for publication or distribution, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States. These materials are not an offer for the sale of the FPO Equity Shares or other securities in the United States or elsewhere. The FPO Equity Shares referred to herein have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended and may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. **No public offering of the Equity Shares or other securities is being made in the United States.**

INBRIEF

Modi praises 3 State-based institutions in Mann Ki Baat

Three Karnataka-based institutions, including the IISc in Bengaluru, found a mention in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat on Sunday. "An initiative of Bhootayi Millets' Farmers Association in Aland, Kalaburagi district, was appreciated by Mr. Modi. In Hulsoor of Bidar district, women, through an institution, are gainfully employed in making millet flour," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai tweeted.

Kannada actor Mandeep Rai passes away in Bengaluru

Veteran actor Mandeep Rai, 73, known for his comic timing in Kannada cinema, passed away in Bengaluru on Sunday. He suffered a cardiac arrest in December and was under treatment, sources said. Mr. Rai was a theatre artist in Mumbai and made his debut in Kannada films with Shankar Nag's directorial debut *Minchina Ota* in 1980. He was closely associated with Shankar Nag till the actor-director passed away. Mr. Rai acted in over 400 films where he mostly played comic and supporting roles. Some of his notable films include *Minchina Ota, Pushpak, Approva Sangama, Elu Suttina Kote,* and *Asegobba Meesegobba*.

Bury differences before my next visit, Shah tells BJP leaders in Belagavi

He has indicated that he will visit the border district — which accounts for a big chunk of the Assembly seats — again to check on the situation

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The fact that the Bharatiya Janata Party has set its eyes on Belagavi district that accounts for 18 seats - the second highest chunk after Bengaluru - in the 224-member Assembly, is evident with party's key strategist Amit Shah visiting this border city and reportedly making it clear to the local leaders that they should bury their differences before his next visit to the district.

Of the 18 seats in Belagavi, the BJP earlier won 10 and the tally later increased to 13 when three leaders from other parties joined the party in 'Operation Lotus'.

However, the party is now concerned about retaining its hold here as influential leader Ramesh Jarkiholi, who joined the party by quitting the Congress, is now sulking as he was dropped from the ministry following a scandal.

A file photo of Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressing a public rally in Belagavi.

In addition to this, **Of the 18 seats in Belagavi, the BJP earlier won 10 and the tally later increased to 13 when three leaders from other parties joined through 'Operation Lotus'** there appears to be no cohesion among the political leaders of Belagavi where most of the individual leaders have their own strong business enterprises apart from political clout.

However, this time the BJP is trying to bring about a sense of unity among its leaders in Belagavi as it is fighting against the State's 37-year political trend of not re-electing a ruling party to retain power in Karnataka.

This is being cited as the reason for Mr. Shah himself visiting Belagavi to review the party's poll preparations.

According to sources, in a meeting of Belagavi BJP leaders held there on Saturday night, Mr. Shah reportedly did not mince words while conveying the strong message to them that they should bury their differences. Sources said that Mr. Shah conveyed to the leaders that he will come back to Belagavi again and wants to see the differences among them buried by then. Mr. Shah reportedly told the leaders that it will not be difficult to win all 18 seats from the 13 the party holds now.

Meanwhile, BJP veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa told reporters in Belagavi that "winnability" will be the sole criteria for selection of candidates by the BJP for the Assembly elections. He said that the party would conduct two surveys to assess the ticket aspirants' potential. The party high command would take up elaborate discussions in this regard, he noted.

No list yet

In Hubballi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the party was yet to formally ready its list of candidates.

He also claimed that Mr. Shah's visit to the State had galvanised the party cadre. Maintaining that the BJP wave was sweeping across the State, he expressed confidence that the party would win the Assembly polls.

CORRIDORS OF POWER

Siddaramaiah's rustic appeal

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's (*in picture*) uniquely rustic style of speaking is a great draw in political rallies. So much so that people wait for his speech and leave soon after, much to the chagrin of other speakers who follow. To avoid this embarrassment, leaders ensure that Mr. Siddaramaiah is the last speaker.

It now appears like other leaders are trying to imitate him, which was evident in recent rallies in Mysuru. As it was already late in the evening, the crowd at a Congress rally began to dissipate and former Minister H.C. Mahadevappa did his best to emulate Mr. Siddaramaiah to retain the attention of the public, but with little impact on those walking towards the exit. This was followed by a failed effort by another leader, considered pompous and whose style is perceived to be too abrasive.

Finally, when it was Mr. Siddaramaiah's turn to speak, he began with a dressing down for the gathering.

He even lost his cool and shouted at them for "lacking discipline". But it did have the desired effect and the crowd stayed back to listen to him.

Tahsildar's tenure

A recent comment by C.S. Shadakshari, president of the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association, on the transfer of officials in Sorab taluk, has left Kumar Bangarappa, Sorab MLA, annoyed. Mr. Shadakshari, addressing a meeting of government employees in Sagar, said 14 tahsildars posted to Sorab had been transferred in the last four-and-a-half years. The average tenure was less than four months.

He held the MLA responsible for the transfers and maintained that the repeated transfers hit the morale of the staff. Later, the staff members of the Revenue Department staged a protest in Shivamogga, blaming the MLA for the frequent transfer of government officers from the taluk.

Mr. Bangarappa took serious exception to the allegations. "Officers posted to the taluk do not wish to stay long here. We are ensuring corruption-free administration in our taluk," he maintained. He wanted Mr. Shadakshari to declare which political party he owed allegiance to.

Often, the MLA is seen finding fault with the officials and suggesting disciplinary action against them for their shoddy work. This was said to be one of the reasons why officers raised their voices against the MLA.

Under deity's watch

Minister for Horticulture Munirathna administered an oath in the name of Kolaramma deity for BJP ticket aspirants in Bangarpet constituency in Kolar district recently. This was apparently aimed at preventing them from quitting the party in the event of them not getting ticket, fearing the wrath of the deity. Mr. Munirathna, who is also in-charge of Kolar district, administered an oath to BJP aspirants and a video of this has since gone viral on social media.

As many as six aspirants, including former legislators, took oath that they would work unitedly for the victory of the candidate fielded by the party high command. Speaking to a private TV channel, Mr. Munirathna, a migrant from Congress, exuded confidence that even if they do not get ticket, all will work for the victory of the party's official candidate.

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Bommai inaugurates Vishnuvardhan memorial

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The memorial for Kannada film star Vishnuvardhan, which was almost 13 years in the making, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Udboor on the outskirts of Mysuru on Sunday.

Constructed at a cost of ₹11 crore on a five-acre plot, the memorial is on the road to H.D. Kote. It also has a 7-foot-tall statue of the actor, who was popular to his fans as "Sahasa Simha".

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai unveiling the statue of Vishnuvardhan at the inauguration of the actor's memorial near Mysuru on Sunday. Vishnuvardhan's wife Bharati and others are seen. M.A. SRIRAM

In his inaugural address, Mr. Bommai said that he was attending the programme as a fan of Vishnuvardhan, and recalled being impressed by the actor who was featured on the cover page of a Kannada film journal in 1972 when *Nagarahaavu* was released. "Vishnuvardhan then went on to rule the film world for nearly four decades and made immense contribution to the State in the field of art and culture," he said. Vishnuvardhan was born in Mysuru and he also died there. Hence, the family decided to have the memorial in the city and the government agreed to it, he added.

The Chief Minister also promised government support to establish a film institute for which nearly two acres have been left vacant on the five-acre plot where the memorial is located.

Vishnuvardhan's wife and yesteryear actor Bharati Vishnuvardhan said the memorial took 13 years to materialise and was akin to a penance but the end result had given her immense satisfaction.

There were many impediments [to the setting up of the memorial], but they all were overcome which proved that patience and persistence would pay in the long run, she added. However, it was not enough to have a memorial. The greater challenge was to ensure that it functioned as envisaged and the responsibility was equally of Vishnuvardhan's fans, she said.

Tourist hotspot

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Deve Gowda said the memorial was bound to be a tourist hotspot.

No question of contesting next elections, says BSY

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Reiterating his decision not to contest the next Assembly elections, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Sunday clarified that he will, however, tour the State for strengthening the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Speaking to pressperssons in Belagavi on Sunday, Mr. Yediyurappa said whatever might be the reason, he will not contest the elections the next time. "I have resigned from the post of the Chief Minister and I am nearing 80 years now. That's why I have decided against contesting the next elections. However, for the sake of strengthening the party, I will tour the State," he said.

Mr. Yediyurappa said that his son Raghavendra is already an MP and his other son Vijayendra is touring the State for strengthening the party.

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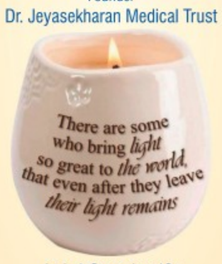

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O.P.M.V. 2558/2019

Manoj - Petitioner
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-2nd Respondent

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE J.M.F.C. PAVAGADA TUMKUR DIST. KARNATAKA STATE
O.S. No. 292 / 2021

PLAINTIFF : Sannamma W/o. Venkateshappa & D/o. Late Narayanappa W/o. Venkatamma, 68 years, R/o. Gangasagara, Y.N. Hosakote Hobli, Pavagada Taluk.

V/s.

DEFENDANTS : 1. P.N. MadhanaKumar, S/o. Late Nagabhushana, 37 years.

2. MamathaLaxmi D/o. Late Nagabhushana, 35 years, Defendant No.1 & 2 are the R/o. Palavally, Nagalamadike Hobli, Pavagada Taluk and Now Both are R/at. # 15-21-150/30, Manikanta Nilayam, Balaji Nagar, Kukat Pally, Hyderabad - 500 072. Telangana State.

8. Ganeshmurthy S/o. Madhaiah Naidu, 43 years, R/o. Carve Bhavipalya, Omshakthi Extention, Hossur Main Road, Bangalore - 560 068 and others.

PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants for partition and separate possession with respect to Sy.No. 289/2 of Palavally, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur Dist., Karnataka State. Now Summons Were issued to the defendant No. 1 i.e. P.N. MadhanKumar S/o. Late Nagabhushana the Defendant No.2 i.e. MamathaLaxmi D/o. Late Nagabhushana and the Defendant No. 8 i.e. Ganeshmurthy S/o. Madhaiah Naidu, but they are evading summons. Hence this paper publication. Now the matter is set-down for appearance of Defendant No. 1, 2, 8 as suit summons issued. The Defendant No. 1, 2 & 8 are directed to appear before the court on **20.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M** either in person or through your counsel. If Defendant No. 1 i.e. P.N. MadhanKumar, the Defendant No.2 i.e. MamathaLaxmi and the Defendant No.8 i.e. Ganeshmurthy are fails to appear before the court the matter will be heard and decided ex-parte.

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11:45 am - 12:30 pm	**Financing your Education** Speaker - **Mr. Supriyo Choudhury** (Senior Manager - Global Business Development, MPOWER Financing)
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2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	**Panel Discussion on Banking Policies on Educational Loans** Moderator - **Ms. Yatti Soni** (Senior Reporter, The Hindu) Speakers - **Mr. Charu Kumar** (Assistant General Manager, Retail Assets Wing, Canara Bank) & **Ms. Jennifer R White** (Head of Global Business Development, MPOWER Financing)
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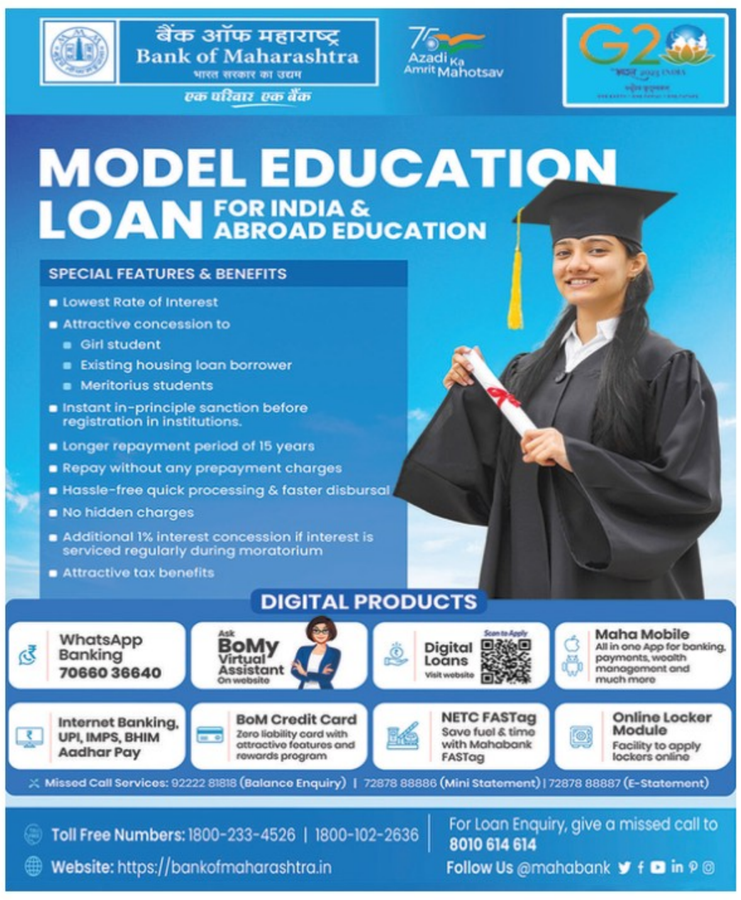
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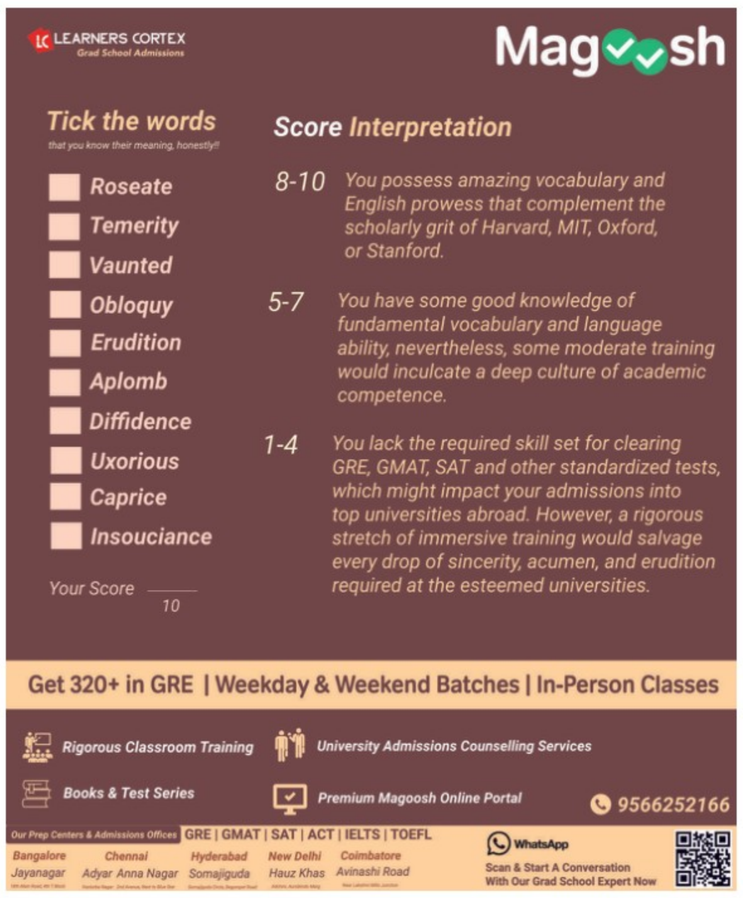
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5-year-old girl dies after iron gate falls on her in Chennai

A five-year-old girl died after a sliding iron gate at a commercial complex in Kilpauk fell on her on Saturday. She was rushed to the Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital and admitted to the intensive care unit, where she died on Sunday morning, the police said. The police have filed a case under Sections 279 and 304(A) of the IPC for death due to rash handling and negligence and arrested the manager of the complex, Srinivasan, and watchman Sampath. Shankar, a resident of Sivagamipuram, Nammalwarpet, worked as a valet at the commercial complex – BMS Building on Harleys Road, Kilpauk. On Saturday, Shankar's wife Vani and their daughter Harinisri, had come there to meet him. While Vani went inside, Harinisri waited at the gate, talking to Sampath, who worked for a private security agency. He was closing the sliding gate, measuring over 4 ft. in height and 12 ft. in length. Suddenly, it came off its hinges and fell on the girl. She sustained severe injuries. She was rushed to the hospital but could not be rescued.

Anil Antony delivers Congress another blow

Congress leader A.K. Antony's son and disaffected former digital media convener of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee, Anil K. Antony, seemed to have dealt a propaganda blow to the party by suggesting in a tweet on Sunday that it had found a perfect ally in the BBC, which, he said, often questioned India's territorial integrity by publishing truncated maps of the country.

Baragur Ramachandrappa collapses in Harihar

Writer Baragur Ramachandrappa, who was in Harihar of Davangere on Sunday to attend a literary event, collapsed in his room and was immediately shifted to a private hospital where he is recuperating. Mr. Ramachandrappa had returned to his room in the PWD Inspection Bungalow when he suddenly collapsed. The doctors checked his blood pressure and sugar and the reports were normal. He reportedly told presspersons that it was for the first time that he experienced such a thing and he was normal now.

We will stand by HDK's decision on Hassan candidate: Revanna

The statement comes as a damage-control exercise after his wife Bhavani Revanna last week unilaterally announced that she had been chosen as the party candidate

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/HASSAN

Trying to put an end to the controversy over the selection of Janata Dal (Secular) candidate for Hassan constituency that has embarrassed the party, former Minister H.D. Revanna on Sunday clarified that his brother and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy would take the final decision on the party candidate for Hassan.

Stating that the family ties remain strong, Mr. Revanna told presspersons in Hassan: "If someone is under the impression that we will fight over the issue, it is their dream. Whatever Mr. Kumaraswamy decides will be final. We will stand by his decision. There are no differences among leaders. Party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, party president C.M. Ibrahim and Mr. Kumaraswamy will discuss and take a decision."

H.D.Revanna

Mr. Revanna's statement in Hassan came as a damage-control exercise after his wife Bhavani Revanna last week unilaterally announced that she had been chosen as the party's candidate, leading to speculation over a family dispute coming into the fore. On Saturday, Mr. Revanna's children – Suraj Revanna, MLC, and Prajwal Revanna, Hassan MP, - waded into controversy by stating that Mr. Deve Gowda would decide on the issue, thus sidelining the role of Mr. Kumaraswamy, who is currently undertaking Pancharatna Yatra.

On his part, Mr. Kumaraswamy had reiterated that an "ordinary party worker" would be given ticket and necessity had not arisen for Ms. Bhavani to contest. Former Hassan Zilla Panchayat vice-president H.P. Swaroop is a serious contender for the party's ticket from Hassan.

The ticket controversy, which has severely embarrassed the party leaders, has also led to acrimonious public statements and exchange of words between followers of Mr. Kumaraswamy and Mr. Revanna on social media too. Followers of cousins - Nikhil Kumaraswamy and Suraj Revanna - have also been involved in exchange of words on social media.

Meanwhile, downplaying the statements of Mr. Revanna's children, Mr. Kumaraswamy told presspersons in Sindhagi, Raichur: "Children have expressed their emotions. But we will take the final decision. We will give appropriate responsibility to her (Ms. Bhavani) at an appropriate time." He said that Mr. Revanna had clarified on the issue, and he had nothing more to add.

Bank employee held for illegally diverting depositors' funds into bonds

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The S.R. Nagar police on Saturday arrested a 34-year-old relationship manager of IDBI Bank for allegedly diverting ₹6.36 crore from depositors' accounts to invest in bonds without their knowledge.

Investigations have revealed that the accused was given tall targets by the bank to convince depositors to invest in bonds, but she was unable to complete the task and took to illegal means, the police said.

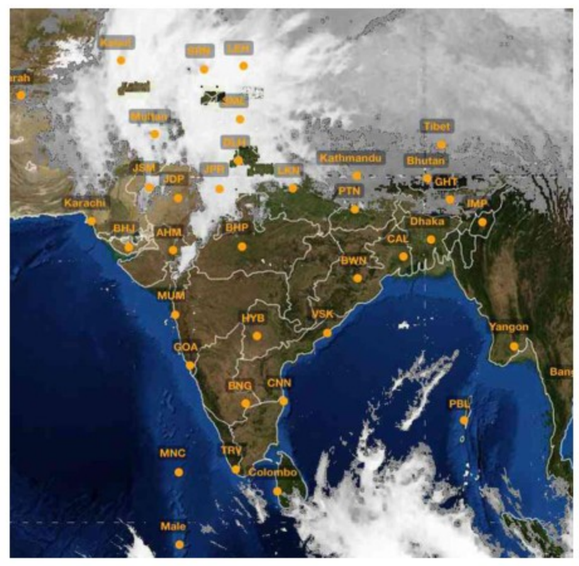
The police are exploring legal options to take action against her seniors too, over unethical business practices that led to the scam. The accused, Sajila Gurumurthy, a resident of Bharatinagar, was arrested based on a complaint by Sangameshwar S.N., deputy general manager.

According to the police, Sajila, who was working as a relationship manager in the bank's Mission Road branch for six months from June 2022, transferred ₹1.44 crore from different accounts to purchase LIC bonds without the consent of the depositors. Further inquiries revealed she had committed similar fraud while working in the Gandhi Nagar branch with a total estimation of ₹4.92 crore.

The incident came to light when many customers complained to the branch manager that money from their accounts had been withdrawn without their consent. An inquiry was initiated, which found Sajila was involved and a complaint was filed. The accused has been booked for cheating, misappropriation, and criminal breach of trust. She has been remanded in judicial custody.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Monday: Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning and hail likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand. Dense to very dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.0	15.7	Kozhikode	—	33.6	22.8
Ahmedabad	—	26.7	17.4	Kurnool	—	33.3	17.6
Aizawl	—	23.5	10.4	Lucknow	—	24.4	8.0
Allahabad	—	25.0	7.2	Madurai	—	32.4	19.0
Bengaluru	—	29.4	14.4	Mangaluru	—	33.1	21.0
Bhopal	—	25.7	15.4	Mumbai	—	30.5	21.2
Bhubaneswar	—	—	16.2	Mysuru	—	30.4	—
Chandigarh	—	24.1	8.8	New Delhi	—	24.3	5.8
Chennai	—	30.3	23.0	Patna	—	24.5	9.6
Coimbatore	—	31.8	17.8	Port Blair	—	29.9	26.2
Dehradun	—	15.8	8.4	Puducherry	—	32.0	—
Gangtok	—	17.7	8.8	Pune	—	30.9	14.9
Goa	—	32.0	20.1	Raipur	—	31.0	16.2
Guwahati	—	28.0	13.6	Ranchi	—	28.0	11.5
Hubballi	—	32.0	18.0	Shillong	—	19.1	8.2
Hyderabad	—	29.8	16.9	Shimla	—	12.0	6.5
Imphal	—	27.3	7.5	Srinagar	—	8.0	-2.4
Jaipur	5.0	16.9	12.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.0	20.8
Kochi	—	30.6	22.6	Tiruchi	—	30.5	20.4
Kohima	—	20.2	8.4	Vijayawada	—	31.6	20.0
Kolkata	—	27.6	16.4	Visakhapatnam	—	30.6	22.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	5	.15	...183	...189	
Bengaluru	...3	..23	.15	84	...101	
Chennai	.23	..33	.44	...233	...136	
Delhi	.11	103	.28	...399	...317	
Hyderabad	...5	..53	.40	...169	.....—	
Kolkata	...7	..22	.45	...160	...132	
Lucknow	.21	..57	.56	...279	...220	
Mumbai	.36	249	100	...309	...155	
Pune	..—	..23	.47	...346	...226	
Visakhapatnam	...9	..42	.34	...180	...135	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Meghalaya recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 381 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 38

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Float on academic waters

Enabling academic buoyancy helps students cope with the stresses of daily educational life and perform well

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Geetha Gopinath and Vijayalekshmi N.S.

A technologically-savvy world creates a demanding culture with a stringent regimen. This results in a high level of stress and discord in the minds of the students and parents. Despite all the brouhaha about advancement, the fact is that certain students face academic lows.

In terms of facing these, two terms of equal importance are "academic resilience" and "academic buoyancy". While the first is the ability to bring about good outcomes despite serious threats to adaptation or development, the second refers to the ability to cope with daily setbacks and minor adversities. This understanding provides the scope for filling a gap that has hitherto not been considered in student empowerment.

When academic adversity and associated risks escalate, students who are more vulnerable need appropriate resources and support for well-being. Navigating the routines of daily academic challenges is critical to building their identities.

Enabling academic buoyancy helps them deal with poor grades, increase in stress levels due to the daily routine, diffidence or low motivation; and negative feedback.

The interface between student capabilities and challenges is the personal attributes that reflect academic buoyancy, which need to be identified and promoted.

Bouncing back and flourishing is thus possible through re-energising their latent capabilities. What are the attributes that help them manage?

Composure
This indicates low anxiety and students need help in this aspect. Create an environment that reduces fear of failure so that students can learn to question their fears and focus on what they can control. Dealing with exam anxiety through self-regulation and breathing techniques; preparing in advance and revising; getting enough rest the previous night, will help them face the exam with composure.

Confidence
This is task-specific and students should learn to develop confidence in their ability to complete a given task. These goals can be achieved by reminding themselves of previous successes and positive self-talk and imagery. Teachers motivate students by making targets specific and focusing on skills.

Coordination
This involves the whole gamut of planning. Students need to learn the skills of setting and pursuing goals, planning, and monitoring and managing tasks within a time frame. Their estimation of the time required to complete the task has to be realistic.

The danger of procrastination can be managed through simple strategies such as starting early, tackling the difficult parts first and minimising distractions.

Commitment
More precisely called persistence or conscientiousness, this involves helping students persist with tasks. Research refers to this as "grit". Students need help to explore and develop grit, and thereby improve academic skills. Positive self-talk helps in a big way and students should be taught how to use this strategy.

Control
Students should be helped to develop a sense of ownership by having them focus on their individual development and improvement. They should not be compared with others, nor should they compare themselves with their peers. Regular and constructive feedback helps them gain control.

Academic challenges, setbacks, and adversities are realities of one's educational life. A student's capacity to successfully negotiate these circumstances is crucial. Academic buoyancy enables students to deal with these challenges and function optimally.

While buoyancy or the ability to 'float on academic water' is an important ingredient for students to perform well, the teacher also plays a role as the facilitator.

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Warning bells

India's regulatory framework must infuse confidence in investors, savers

The latest stock market gyrations induced in large measure by the stock rout in leading infrastructure and commodities intensive conglomerate, the Adani group, over the last two trading sessions last week has cast the spotlight back on India's regulatory environment. The highly leveraged group's market troubles, in the wake of a U.S.-based short seller's report alleging 'stock manipulation and questionable accounting practices', dragged down banking shares led by the State Bank of India and even the state-owned LIC appreciably on Friday, triggering investor concern about broader financial sector stability. And while a media report citing sources said the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had stepped up scrutiny of the conglomerate's transactions, there has been no official word from the markets regulator. The conglomerate itself has rubbished the short seller's allegations as being 'baseless and discredited and born of *mala fide* intent to hurt the group's reputation', and is weighing legal action. Notwithstanding how the conglomerate might move to address the concerns raised in the short seller's report as well as those of domestic investors who appear to have turned chary of the group's stocks, India's regulators including SEBI and the Reserve Bank of India have an opportunity, nay an obligation, to clear the air by allaying fears of any broader systemic contagion.

Even granting that the group's stocks do not have a significant presence or weight on the major benchmark stock indices, and private equity research reports have sought to downplay concerns about the banking sector's overall exposure to the group, there can be little argument that the major state-owned banks and the LIC are key pillars of the country's financial system. Given the extent of public trust reposed in these companies in the form of savers' deposits and life insurance policies as well as taxpayer resources that have been invested to keep the PSU lenders adequately capitalised, financial system regulators would be serving the larger public interest by pre-emptively communicating messages of reassurance. Regulators could also enhance credibility in India as an investment destination by tightening not just the listing requirements but more crucially the enforcement actions in case of egregious breaches of the laws. The global debate over the credibility of credit ratings that has surfaced from time to time, whether in the wake of the Asian financial crisis of the late 1990s, or the global financial crisis of 2007-08, is also a concern that India's regulators need to re-engage with. At a time when India holds the G-20 presidency, authorities must ensure the regulatory framework is seen in nothing less than the best light.

Chasing records

Djokovic has made Melbourne his own with a tenth title

No male player in recent history has probably used pain and disappointment as motivations for victory quite like Novak Djokovic. A year ago, the Serb was on a self-deceiving spiral, ejected from Australia – where he was a three-time defending champion – over his unvaccinated status. On Sunday, he did more than enough to banish those difficult memories by claiming a record-extending tenth Australian Open singles title (Open Era). The straight sets win over Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas also drew Djokovic level with Rafael Nadal's tally of 22 Major trophies, the best among men. The triumph capped an incredible 12 months for Djokovic. In 2022, he was not allowed to compete in two of the four Grand Slam tournaments and four of the eight ATP Masters 1000s, and received no points for winning Wimbledon. Yet, he finished in the top-5, claiming a joint-best five titles (with Carlos Alcaraz). The successes earlier this month at the Adelaide International, and subsequently Melbourne, have brought him back to what has always seemed his rightful place – the pinnacle of ATP rankings, for a record 374th week. Barely four months shy of turning 36, Djokovic is at a stage where an athlete's physical prowess – regardless of the indomitable will – is expected to enter the past tense. While this appears increasingly true of Nadal, Djokovic's mask of invincibility looks firmly intact.

On the women's side, Aryna Sabalenka's tennis was as picture perfect, as she secured her first Major title with a fine come-from-behind victory over Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina, also the reigning Wimbledon champion. Tipped for big things in 2021 when she reached the last four at Wimbledon and the US Open, and having finished the year ranked No.2, the heavy-hitting Belarusian has had to play much of the last 12 months against the sobering backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war and the emotional toll of having to compete as a neutral athlete. It was to the 24-year-old's credit that she did not let any of this derail her pursuit of excellence, becoming only the second from her country after Victoria Azarenka – who made a stirring run to the semifinals before falling to Rybakina – to win a singles Major. A similar bolt by Sania Mirza in her last Slam appearance had the whole of India transfixed, until she fell agonisingly short of adding to her six Grand Slam crowns, losing the mixed doubles final with Rohan Bopanna. But the 36-year-old, who is set to retire at the WTA Dubai 1000 next month, will go down as one of India's greatest sportspersons, a fearless competitor who inspired a generation, both on and off the court.

In NREGA reforms, prioritise the worker and her dues

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The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is no stranger to reform. In fact, the zeal with which reforms are introduced often outpaces the capacity to adapt. Every time the administrative system gets back on its feet after a reform move, it is hit by another. Poorer States struggle more to adapt when compared to those that are better off because of weaker administrative capacity. The most recent concern of the central government is over the programme's "regressive" spending pattern, where poorer States spend less NREGA funds than better-off ones. As if on cue, a committee to suggest reforms has been constituted instead of listening to the long-standing demands of workers and their collectives. NREGA is underperforming because its most basic design principles have been forgotten or wilfully ignored. We remind the committee of this simple message.

Address violation of entitlements

The first is: address delays in wage payments to restore the faith of workers in the programme. In 2016, the Supreme Court of India directed the government to ensure that wages were paid on time, calling the act of making workers wait for wages for months as equal to "forced labour". However, there has not been even a single decisive step taken by the Ministry since then. Instead, the process of wage payments created by the central government has become even more convoluted. For instance, seven or more functionaries have to sign off before payment due to a worker can be approved (stage one of the wage payment cycle). This does not even include the series of delays from when the payment is approved till payment is made (stage two of the cycle). In contrast, the processing of loans from private banks is done in fewer steps. The point is the Ministry of Rural Development must simplify the payment process and has to be transparent about pending wage payments in stage one and two so that bottlenecks can be corrected.

The second is: strengthen implementation capacities where expenditure is low instead of curbing expenditure where employment generation is high. States which are spending more are implementing the programme better because they have better capacities (as several studies including the government's own Economic Survey concluded in 2016). For a universal, demand-based social security programme such as NREGA, reforms cannot be based on 'targetting' better. There has to be a focus on exclusion and not inclusion "errors".

> In reforms to the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, an administrative and fiscal efficacy-alone focus would be a flaw

Instead of using expenditure and income poverty as the only markers, exclusion must be identified at the household level. There is enough evidence to show that NREGA is fairly well targeted, benefiting the poorest, especially Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) families. However, there is scope for improvement. For instance, panchayats, blocks and districts where employment of SCs and ST families is lower than their proportion in the population must be identified. This would indicate pockets where the most marginalised are being nudged out of the programme. Similarly, panchayats where the average wage being paid is lower than the notified wage rate must be identified as well. This would indicate places where the implementing authorities need to be hauled up for failing to ensure work is completed – which in turn deprives workers of their minimum wage. The online Management Information System of NREGA can flag areas where entitlements are violated instead of being used as a tool by bureaucrats to centralise and control things.

The third is: run the programme like a demand-based law, and not a scheme. Intermittent and unpredictable fund releases by the central government are one of the fundamental reasons why State governments are unable to ensure the full potential of NREGA. As of today, ₹18,191 crore in liabilities is due to 24 States. Poor performing States, on account of inadequate funds, typically discourage and often deny demand for work.

The case of Bihar

Based on our experience of organising NREGA workers in several districts of Bihar, we have found that even when we have been able to get receipts for our work demand applications, worksites are not opened on time, and the work provided does not match demand. The Kaam Mango Abhiyan was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development in 2013 – due to declining demand of work under NREGA), the Union Ministry of Rural Development launched this campaign, which literally means "ask for work" – with the help of civil society organisations in six districts in six States; 53,000 workers demanded work in Katihar district alone and dated receipts were provided. Unfortunately, the historic numbers of workers demanding work were let down by the Ministry because funds to honour the demand were not released to States in time. Lessons from such campaigns are part of the institutional memory of government. In a related instance, workers in Barari block of Katihar were on indefinite strike as they have not been provided work and wages for the work they have done. Given the unique financial needs of this programme, the General Financial Rules need to be reimagined so that budgetary allocations remain flexible to the need for funds by States in response to demands for work.

The fourth is: make discussions on any proposed reforms participatory. NREGA emerged from the demands of a vibrant peoples' movement across India and its cornerstones have been its path-breaking provisions for public accountability. Building on the spirit of public participation, which gave NREGA an institutional architecture that was well before its time, is needed. There has to be a leveraging of consultative processes and forums built into it, such as the State and Central Employment Guarantee Councils. State governments have played a pivotal role in the successes and failures of NREGA, and any proposed reforms must be tabled in State assemblies in addition to Parliament along with bringing civil society organisations, worker unions and representatives of self-help groups into the discussion.

'Top down' reforms as a problem

The fifth is: it is time the Government of India makes an earnest attempt to map the impact of each of its "reforms" on access to and the expenditure of NREGA, particularly in poorer States. A slew of "reforms" – the majority have focused on centralisation such as the electronic fund management system, geo-tagging of assets and a national mobile monitoring system (NMMS) – have disrupted implementation. Almost 3,000 women NREGA workers in Muzaffarpur district are protesting against the NMMS application after the app failed to capture their attendance. They have been denied their wages. The committee members must meet the protesting workers when they visit various States. The central government must be held accountable for the denial of entitlements to NREGA workers as a result of top down "reforms" that workers had no say in designing.

The article is also an appeal to this committee to consider some principles in order to guide its discussions and recommendations. Reforms to NREGA must prioritise the access of workers to entitlements with ease and dignity, rather than focus on administrative and fiscal efficacy alone.

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Revisit the tax treatment of tobacco products

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Adam Smith, in his famous work The Wealth of Nations, argued that commodities such as sugar, rum and tobacco, though not necessary for life, are widely consumed, and thus good candidates for taxation. Research in India and around the world supports the use of taxes to regulate tobacco consumption. However, in India, tobacco taxes have not increased significantly since the implementation of the Goods and Services Taxation (GST) over five years ago, making these products increasingly affordable, as recent studies show.

In 2017, the economic burden and health-care expenses due to tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure amounted to ₹2,340 billion, or 1.4% of GDP while India's average annual tobacco tax revenue stands at only ₹537.5 billion. Despite the government's goal of making India a $5 trillion economy, the increasing affordability of tobacco poses a threat to this vision and could harm GDP growth. Tobacco use is also the cause for nearly 3,500 deaths in India every day, which impacts human capital and GDP growth in a negative way.

The issue is with the tax system

The current GST system for tobacco taxation in India has features that are hindering efforts in regulating consumption. One issue is the overuse of *ad valorem* taxes, which are not effective in reducing consumption. Many countries use a specific or mixed tax system for harmful products. The GST system in India relies more on *ad valorem* taxes than the pre-GST system, which primarily used specific excise taxes. Many countries with a GST or value-added tax (VAT) also apply an excise tax on tobacco products. In India, the share of central excise duty in total tobacco taxes decreased substantially from pre-GST to post-GST for cigarettes (54% to 8%), *bidis* (17% to 1%), and smokeless tobacco (59% to 11%). A large part of the compensation cess as well as the National Calamity Contingent Duty, or NCCD (it is levied as a duty of excise on certain manufactured goods specified under the Seventh Schedule of the Finance Act, 2001) currently applied on tobacco products is specific. If specific taxes are not revised regularly to adjust for the inflation, they lose their value. Inflation indexing should be made mandatory for any specific tax rates applied on tobacco products.

> The GST system for tobacco taxation is hindering efforts in regulating consumption and protecting public health

Discrepancies in product taxation

There is a large discrepancy in taxation between tobacco products. Despite cigarettes accounting for only 15% of tobacco users, they generate 80% or more of tobacco taxes. *Bidis* and smokeless tobacco have low taxes, encouraging consumption. Taxes should be made more consistent across all tobacco products, as none is more or less harmful than the others. The main principle behind tobacco taxation should be in protecting public health. Notably, *bidis* are the only tobacco products without a compensation cess under GST, despite being just as harmful as cigarettes. This lack of a cess on *bidis* has no public health rationale. The current six-tiered tax structure for cigarettes is complex and creates opportunities for cigarette companies to avoid taxes legally by manipulating cigarette lengths and filters for similarly named brands. Instead, the tiered system should be eliminated or reduced to two tiers, which can then be phased out over time to have a single tier.

The GST rates on certain smokeless tobacco ingredients such as tobacco leaves, tendu leaves, betel leaves, areca nuts, etc. have either zero or 5%-18% GST. It is important that all products that are exclusively used for tobacco making are brought under the uniform 28% GST slab. This will generate the right public health message – that all tobacco products are bad and their consumption needs to be discouraged.

Smokeless tobacco products in India are taxed ineffectively due to their small retail pack size (often 1/2 gram or less) which keeps the price low. To standardise and increase the retail price, mandatory standardised packing should be implemented for smokeless tobacco pouches (at least 50 g-100 g). This will also make it easier to implement graphic health warnings on the packaging.

GST currently exempts small businesses with less than ₹40 lakh annual turnover. Many smokeless tobacco and *bidi* manufacturers operate in the informal sector, which reduces the tax base on these products. While these exemptions are intended to protect small businesses, the public health rationale requires that they not be extended to businesses that produce or distribute tobacco products. Therefore, conditions should be imposed on these exemptions so that tobacco businesses do not benefit from them.

Before GST, taxing tobacco was a way for State governments to increase revenue and regulate consumption. For example, Rajasthan had a 65% VAT on tobacco products. After GST, States can no longer raise taxes on tobacco, which hinders their ability to increase revenue and regulate consumption. While a uniform tax across the country is good, not increasing it at the national level at regular intervals harms public health.

It is cause for concern that while most countries regularly increase taxes on tobacco products to make them less affordable, India has not increased taxes on any tobacco products in over five years. This may undo much of the progress seen in a 17% reduction in tobacco use from 2009-10 to 2016-17. Both the GST Council and the Union Budget should take the opportunity to significantly increase taxes on all tobacco products, including *bidis*, cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco, through hikes in excise duties or compensation cess.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charges against group

The Life Insurance Corporation of India and the State Bank of India were established with a vision that people's money would be utilised for people's welfare. Over the years, both institutions have helped to build the nation. But times and things have changed with public sector behemoths now easy targets of coercion and being 'made to' pump public money into some sinking corporate entities. What people's good will happen by investing in a corporate conglomerate without due diligence is anybody's guess. Apart from banks and institutes suffering a huge dent in their reserves, people's trust in the system will be eroded ("Opposition asks why LIC and SBI continue to invest in Adani group", January 29).

Syed Sultan Mohiddin,
Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh

There seems to be much rot within the Indian private industry, barring a few names, with scandals dotting its growth over the years ranging from scams, a falsification of accounts, avoidance of taxes and duties, and even selling of quotas during the licensing regime, which may have in large part led to the generation and growth of black money. People in India must realise that the tactics here are: first, intimidate and throw your weight around; second, flaunt your connections, and third, buy your way out. For the conglomerate in the limelight now, its threat to sue the U.S.-based investor research firm, Hindenburg, may well be an empty threat. In the West, care is taken to research the facts thoroughly.

S. Kamat,
Alto Santa Cruz, Goa

The allegations have caused a definite sense of unease which is being reflected in the markets. It is baffling to find a total silence from the government's side. The government owes the common man an explanation, as it is the money of the public that is involved.

J. Anantha Padmanabhan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Double winner

Novak Djokovic deserves to be congratulated not only for equalling Rafael Nadal's record of 22 Slams but also for keeping the fading flag of the old guard still flying high. Though somewhat topsy turvy, the tournament was still exciting.

A.R. Ramanarayanan,
Chennai

Novak Djokovic now is a double hero with two records to his credit. Tennis fans are very delighted.

P.V. Srinivas Nivriti,
Secunderabad

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The Indian university is in a free fall

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At a time when the political discourse in the country is taken to a different level of absolutism, the pursuit of a more encouraging democratic ethos is the need of the times. Academics must learn to be reliant on spirited discussions. They must be the radiant examples of a field where diverse opinions underwrite a robust critical conversation.

As Marcellus says in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." Why else would the government invite universities from overseas to open campuses in India? A sense of competitiveness with international universities of repute would unquestionably retard the free fall of our universities. But there is one fear. The new initiative could make India the new global education destination, but it could also further worsen the problem. Outstanding teachers may seek positions in the various branches of the foreign universities. And we could be left with mediocrity, which would lead to further decline. The University Grants Commission must take cognisance of the possibility of such a fallout. To the dismay of many, there is no desire or exercise to find some mechanisms to retard the socio-academic decline of the university.

What ails universities?

Before this debacle becomes a reality, let us examine what ails our universities. The abyss between the public intellectual and the stubborn establishment stands wider than ever. Universities are sliding towards self-deluding and bureaucratised governing bodies that lack the ability to handle views alternative to the retrogressive decisions of the academic leadership that has lurched to the Right. To say that India is the third largest economy is of no value when it has miserably failed to give its citizens a world-class university system. The budgetary allocation for education is abysmal.

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The point that is often blatantly overlooked by governing bodies of universities is the crucial importance of an academic environment with the understanding of new pedagogical practices. The present state of affairs exposes the valorisation of mediocrity that has resulted in belittling those who accomplish their responsibility with impartiality and have the requisite credentials and talent. This is in keeping with the current practice of side-lining many distinguished academics and vice chancellors and instead making appointments arbitrarily on the basis of ideological allegiances. It is, indeed, a mockery to be subjected to the arrogance and incompetence of a handful of pushovers who conduct the course of higher education not in the interest of rigorous culture of learning and teaching, but for the mere award of coveted positions.

Governing bodies that have worked efficaciously over the years are being sabotaged by an ideological belief. They are unmindful of the structure rotting at the core, especially with the insouciant acceptance of mediocrity as the norm. Inviolable traditions get bludgeoned to submission, if not annihilation. Until this stops, our institutions of higher learning will remain absent from world rankings.

Our universities have become deeply sclerotic. Spouses of civil servants find easy entrée to university positions. I once mentioned the name of F.R. Leavis, one of the most prominent critics of the last century, during a discussion. A colleague asked who he was. As a joke, I told her that I was speaking of the captain of the English cricket team. She believed it and still remains blissfully ignorant. Most universities abound with such poverty of knowledge.

Ubiquitous discrimination

The free fall of universities in the hands of such teachers results from the infraction of the basic structure of the university constitution. There are procedural irregularities. The indifference of the establishment resonates with the political leadership, which is oblivious of the requirements of building an empowering milieu and an affirmative academic outlook. Instead, we have a disposition that internalises sluggishness, lack of work ethic and ineptitude. Selection committees constituted by university heads find the same faculty members repeated as experts or vice chancellor's nominees, thereby ignoring far more qualified and much senior teachers. Systems that suggest less-than-honourable intent are permitted to flourish with the patronage of the powers that be.

It is disenchanting to note that the teaching fraternity chooses to remain silent on significant issues on which depend the stature of academic excellence. The university's adversarial approach to principles of seniority and merit threatens the stability and academic reputation of not only the university, but also the furtherance of ethical practices. Reform is always welcome and necessary, but destroying age-old and tested institutional practices deeply wedded to democratic traditions is retrogressive.

Ubiquitous discrimination strikes a blow at the very core of academic culture where the teaching community is directed to submit to governing bodies, which in turn are answerable to an overbearing patron seemingly lacking a broad progressive policy that encourages debate and disagreement. The conflict apparently is between viewing a university as a seat of diversity and learning and a seat of conformity and indoctrination.

Such a regressive milieu deepens the sense of distrust. In the present quandary there are few signs of initiating a level playing field or even a public debate on the decline of the university. In such a state of affairs, conscious academics can at least highlight the depth of the rot.

A challenging year for Nitish Kumar

Five months into the alliance, the RJD-JD(U) bonhomie is losing spark

STATE OF PLAY

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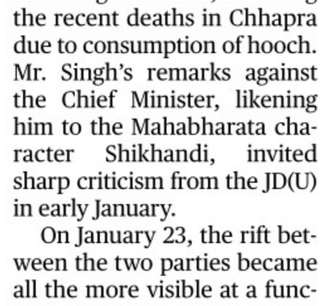
In August last year, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar did yet another political U-turn. Stating that he wanted to forge unity among the Opposition parties before the 2024 general elections, Mr. Kumar joined hands with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). He also hinted that he would pass the mantle to Deputy Chief Minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav. Mr. Kumar's ideological infidelity is well known. After coming to power in Bihar in November 2005, the eight-time Chief Minister has ditched the Bharatiya Janata Party twice (in 2013 and 2022) and the RJD once (in 2017). But all along, he has managed to stay in power – an indication of his manoeuvering skills and political acumen.

Janata Dal (United) leaders project Mr. Kumar as a prime ministerial candidate. Although he has denied nurturing such ambitions, recently, while undertaking the Samadhan Yatra (solution journey) across the State, Mr. Kumar said he may tour the country to forge Opposition unity after the Budget session of the State. But recent events suggest that all is not going well for him.

At the Khammam rally, organised by Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao, Mr. Kumar was conspicuous by his absence. He played down his absence by saying he did not know about the event. The embarrassment was compounded by the presence of three other Chief Ministers at the rally – Arvind Kejriwal, Bhagwant Singh Mann and Pinarayi Vijayan. Though Mr.



Rao, who has also taken it upon himself to forge unity among the Opposition parties, and Mr. Kumar met some time back, it is not known what transpired between them.

To add to Mr. Kumar's woes, there is growing disharmony between the JD(U) and the RJD. In the past few months, the leaders of both parties have been slamming each other over some controversial statement or the other. A few months ago, RJD MLA Sudhakar Singh, who is the son of Bihar RJD president Jagdanand Singh, was forced to resign as Agriculture Minister after raising allegations of corruption in his own department. Since then, Mr. Singh has been attacking Mr. Kumar on a range of issues, including the recent deaths in Chhapra due to consumption of hooch. Mr. Singh's remarks against the Chief Minister, likening him to the Mahabharata character Shikhandi, invited sharp criticism from the JD(U) in early January.

On January 23, the rift between the two parties became all the more visible at a function in Patna to mark the death anniversary of Rajput warrior king Maharana Pratap. Mr. Kumar was also present at the event. JD(U) leader Vijay Kumar Singh demanded an unconditional apology from RJD MLA and Education Minister Chandrashekhar at the event for the latter's controversial remarks on the *Ramcharitmanas*. And before that controversy died down, another RJD Minister, Alok Mehta remarked that those who tolled bells at temples were now ruling States. This was seen as a reference to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. JD(U) leaders worry that such controversial remarks are antagonising a section of people.

There are also other concerns. In December last year, Mr. Kumar announced that Mr. Yadav would lead the Grand Alliance in the 2025 Bihar elections. Political circles in Bihar are abuzz with the rumour that the handover is part of an agreement between both the parties. Many believe that the handover will take place this year. But political analyst Ajay Kumar believes it will all depend on the results of the 2024 polls. "If Prime Minister Narendra Modi comes back to power, Mr. Kumar may rethink his strategy," he says.

Meanwhile, JD(U) parliamentary board chairman Upendra Kushwaha has demanded that the Chief Minister convene a meeting of the national executive and reveal what sort of deal he has struck with the RJD. He also wants the national executive to discuss whether the JD(U) has weakened in recent times. BJP Rajya Sabha MP and former Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi has added to the rumour mills by saying that the JD(U) could soon merge with the RJD. Mr. Kushwaha was quick to react to this saying, "A merger would be suicidal for the party."

Mr. Kumar has not been able to do much except deny this move. The Chief Minister has evidently mastered the art of surviving in politics, but these issues may pose roadblocks to his national ambitions.

Shortfall of specialist doctors in rural areas was 80% in 2022

It was acute in the northern and eastern States of India

DATA POINT

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The shortfall of specialist doctors in community healthcare centres (CHCs) in rural areas has increased over the past decade in India. Surgeons, obstetricians, gynaecologists, physicians and paediatricians were considered specialists for this analysis. In 2012, the shortfall of specialists was already high at 69.7%, but it increased further to 79.5% in 2022.

As per the norms of the Indian Public Health Standards, a CHC is required to be manned by four medical specialists: surgeon, physician, obstetrician/gynaecologist, and paediatrician. As on March 31, 2022, according to the 2021-22 Rural Health Statistics, released recently, 21,920 specialist doctors were required in rural areas across India. However, only 4,485 were available, which means that there was a shortfall of 17,435 specialists. This translates into a shortfall of 79.5% (17,435 as a percentage of 21,920), which is nearly 10% points more than a decade ago **(Chart 1).** The shortfall of obstetricians/gynaecologists was 74.2% in 2022, which is a 9.1% point increase from a decade ago. The shortfall of surgeons was 83.2% in 2022, a 8.3% point increase from 10 years ago.

There was a shortfall of specialists in urban CHCs too, but this was far lower than the shortfall in rural CHCs. In urban CHCs, there was a 46.9% shortfall in 2022, which is 32.6% points less than the shortfall in rural CHCs. Therefore, the crisis was more acute in rural areas.

While these numbers show a shortfall of specialists, it is important to understand that the calculation is done with the assumption that there should be four specialists in every CHC. This is crucial because a State with a lower number of CHCs than what is required can escape scrutiny when it comes to the shortfall of specialists, as the number of such doctors required is low to start with. So, it becomes important to analyse the number of CHCs in each State. **Chart 2** shows the shortfall percentage and surplus percentage of CHCs in each State as of March 2022. Both figures were arrived at by using the requirement levels based on the prescribed norms calculated using the 2022 rural population estimates. In each State, the number off unctioning CHCs was subtracted from the required number of CHCs to arrive at shortfall or surplus. Kerala had a surplus of 171% – the highest in India. While the requirement was 78 CHCs, the State had 211 in place. It was followed by Himachal Pradesh (63% surplus) and Tamil Nadu (28%) among the major States. Of the 27 States considered for analysis, only 10 had either a surplus or the required number; the rest had a shortfall. Among the States with a shortfall, Bihar (71% shortfall), Andhra Pradesh (64%), Maharashtra (56%), Karnataka (45%) and Uttar Pradesh (44%) stood out.

The number of States with a shortfall in CHCs slightly reduced in 2022 from a decade ago. **Chart 3** shows the shortfall percentage and surplus percentage of CHCs in each State in 2012. In 2012, the number of States with a shortfall was 20; this reduced to 17 in 2022.

In 2012, all the northern States had a shortfall of CHCs, while in 2022, only Punjab and Himachal Pradesh did not. In the east, except Odisha, all the States had a shortfall in both years. India's shortfall of CHCs remained unmoved at 36% in both years.

Chart 4 shows the shortfall percentage of specialists in 2022 only among the States that had a shortfall of CHCs in 2022. Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim had a nearly 100% shortfall. This means the number of specialists in these regions was zero or close to zero. The shortfall of specialists was lowest in Karnataka (46% shortfall), Andhra Pradesh (64%) and J&K (43%).

Not what the patient ordered

The charts are based on data collated from the Rural Health Statistics 2011-12 and 2021-22 editions.
Note: A shortfall is different from a vacancy, which is calculated based on sanction posts and not required posts

Chart 1 | The chart shows the shortfall of specialists (in % terms) in 2022 and 2021

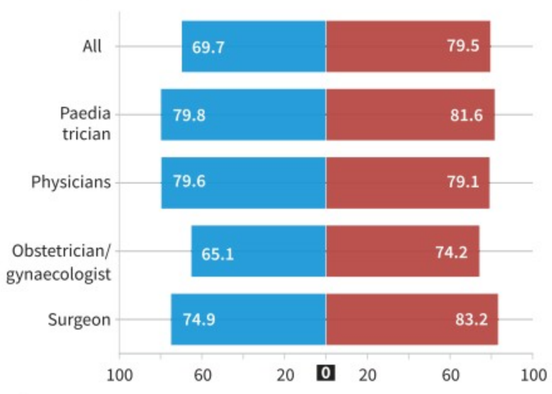
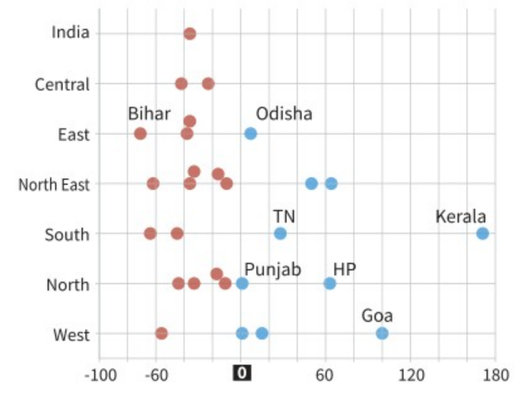


Chart 2 | The chart shows the shortfall % and surplus % of CHCs available in each State as of March 2022



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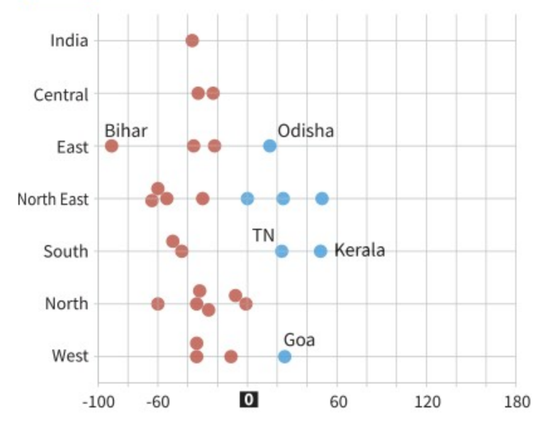

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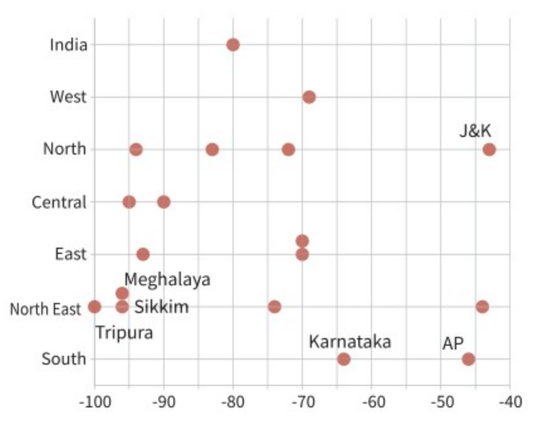

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FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 30, 1973

China may respond to India's moves to improve ties

New Delhi, Jan. 29: The recent Indian overtures to China have not led to any perceptible change in its general attitude, but nevertheless there are some indications that Peking is no longer barring its doors completely against all possibilities of better relations except on its own narrow terms. In their informal talks with foreign diplomats in various world capitals, the Chinese envoys have lately been stressing that once India normalises its relations with Pakistan, there should be no great difficulty in initiating the necessary moves for a matching improvement in Sino-Indian relations. The other day the Chinese charge d'affaires in Delhi is reported to have hinted to his fellow diplomats with the obvious expectation that the message would get across to the Indian Government that China need not wait for the settlement of all out-standing Indo-Pakistan problems for setting the ball rolling for an early Sino-Indian dialogue. He indicated that Peking would be in a position, consistent with its commitments to Pakistan, to respond favourably to the latest Indian moves for better relations, if at least a major irritant like the POW issue was removed soon. The Chinese are not insisting now, as they did before, that India should first establish its bonafide by moving away from the Soviet Union and taking up a position of equidistance as a sort of pre-condition for entering into any purposeful discussions with it.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 30, 1923

Release of political prisoners

Lucknow, Jan. 29: The announcement regarding the release of political prisoners in the United Provinces was made by Sir William Maris in his first address to the Legislative Council this afternoon. The speech which was, frequently applauded, reviewed briefly the administrative problems. The Governor in announcing the amnesty remarked that he loved peace and quiet and that in his opinion the Province had before it a period of recuperation and quiet growth. It was possible that a fraction of released prisoners would be back to the old game of agitation, but this time the Government was richer by past experience and would know how to act.

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Odisha Minister shot by former security officer

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik condemned the attack on the Health Minister. "I am shocked and distressed over the very unfortunate demise of Minister Das," he said. "He was an asset for both the government and the party. He has successfully carried out many initiatives in the Health Department to the benefit of the people. As a leader, he was instrumental in strengthening the Biju Janata Dal (BJD)."

The Crime Branch of the State police has been ordered to investigate the fatal attack. Additional Director-General of Police Arun Bothra, along with a seven-member Crime Branch team, rushed to the spot. The Odisha police did not issue any statement regarding the motivation of the shooter, his mental condition, or whether the murder was pre-planned.

"The person had recovered from the disease due to regular medication. However, there was every chance of a relapse if prescribed medicines are not taken regularly. Since he was posted away in Jharsuguda district, I have no idea if he was taking medicines as per advice," said Chandrasekhar Tripathy, the psychiatrist treating Mr. Gopal Das.

Yatra has given an alternative vision: Rahul

Calling it a historic moment, Mr. Ramesh remarked that "India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru unfurled the National Flag for the first time at Lal Chowk 75 years ago."

However, in response to a question on the promises made by Pandit Nehru to Kashmirs in 1947 not being honoured, Mr. Gandhi told pressperson at a press conference that he did not want to go into the past. "I want to look forward, and am full of affection and love for the people of J&K," the former Congress chief said.

Mr. Gandhi walked the tightrope on the question of Article 370 and avoided a direct response. He, however, underlined the need to restore democratic processes and statehood to J&K. "People's land is being taken away from them. All States have Assemblies in place. Let the Assembly make the decisions," Mr. Gandhi said.

Student enrolments rose by 7.5% in 2020-21: data

The Gross Enrolment Ratio for all enrolments (as per 2011 Census) increased by over 2 points to 27.3. The highest enrolment was seen at the undergraduate level, which accounted for 78.9% of all enrolments, followed by postgraduate level courses, which accounted for 11.4% of the year's total enrolments.

Among all undergraduate enrolments, the most popular remained the Bachelor of Arts programme, which saw 104 lakh enrolments (52.7% women; 47.3% men), followed by Bachelor of Science courses, where too women outnumbered men. This was followed by the Bachelor of Commerce programme, where women accounted for 48.5% enrolments. However in B.Tech. and Bachelor of Engineering courses, women accounted for less than 30% of all enrolments.

At the postgraduate level, the most popular courses remained in the social sciences stream, where women accounted for 56% enrolments in 2020-21, followed by science courses, where women accounted for 61.3% of all enrolments. Except for management courses at the PG-level, where enrolment of women stood at 43.1%, all other PG courses saw women outnumbering men.

Popular course at PhD level

At the Ph.D. level, the most popular course was in the field of engineering and technology, followed by science; in both disciplines, women accounted for less than 50% enrolments (33.3% for engineering and tech; and 48.8% for science).

The overall figures for STEM enrolments (at all levels of higher education) showed that women lagged behind men, who accounted for over 56% of enrolments in these fields.

The Education Ministry statement on the AISHE 2020-21 report said, "During 2020-21, the number of universities has increased by 70, and the number of colleges has increased by 1,453." The maximum increase came in State public universities and State private universities, which saw an increase of 17 and 38, respectively, followed by a rise of 14 in the number of Institutes of National Importance, and an increase of 3 in the number of Central Universities.

"Government universities constituting 59.1% of total universities contribute 73.1% of total enrolment... whereas the 40% private universities account for only 26.3% of total enrolment," the report concluded.

While the survey found that the number of teachers increased across higher education institutes, SC and ST teachers continued to be underrepresented. "At All-India level, 56.2% teachers belong to General category; 32.2% to OBC; 9.1% to SC and 2.5% to ST category. About 5.6% teachers come from Muslim minority group and 8.8% are from other minority groups."

The survey also found that there were 75 women teachers to every 100 male ones across institutes in the country. The teacher-pupil ratio was at 27 for all universities, colleges and stand-alone institutions and at 24 if only regular mode is considered. It concluded that the best ratio was found in States like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Lessons from Ukraine war: UAVs, missiles are likely future threats

Army carries out detailed analysis of the conflict; loitering munitions are another major threat; analysis has shown that the best air defences against them are high-rate gun systems, better optic sights, fragmented ammunition and ASEA radars

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NEW DELHI

Missiles and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) are likely to be a major future threat, calling for a mitigation strategy as part of an integrated air defence, and underlining the need for a comprehensive air defence solution.

That is the biggest takeaway for India from an Army analysis of the war in Ukraine, in the context of the air battle fought there and its implications for the Indian air defence, according to defence sources.

With the Russia-Ukraine conflict having lasted almost a year now, the Army is also feeling the pinch in terms of spares and ammunition, particularly for its air defence and armoured fleets, which are largely of Russian origin, a fact recently acknowledged by Army chief General Manoj Pande.

Earlier this month, General Pande said that the Army had carried out a detailed analysis of the various lessons that the conflict threw up for India – on weapon systems, tactics and operational procedures. These lessons will be applied and incorporated in the Indian context, he said.

"For ground-based air defences (GBAD), the most important aspect is Survivability against Suppression and Destruction of Air Defence (SEAD/DEAD) operations by the adversary. Deconfliction of air defence missiles with interceptors in exclusive engagement zones and decentralised execution of air defence function is a must," said a source, elaborating on the lessons for GBAD to be learned, which have emerged crucial, from the Russian offensive and the Ukrainian response.

The Russian Air Force attempted to gain control of Ukrainian air space as a prelude to the war. In the first three days of the conflict, there was an average of 140 sorties per day, with about 10% of the Russian aircraft lost to the Ukrainian air defences, analysis shows. Russian strike operations after the first three days were largely confined to stand-off launches using missiles, sources said, adding that this was also prompted by Russia's heavy losses due to Ukraine's Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS).

Protective cover: Efforts are under way by the Army to put in place a layered air defence net for various ranges and altitudes.

Ukrainian GBADs shot down almost 50% of Russian cruise and ballistic missiles launched against multiple targets, despite the fact that they were operating in tandem with Russia's Shahed-136 UAVs, the source observed.

Loitering munitions are another major threat that has emerged in this war posing asymmetric challenge to both armour as well as air defences. Analysis has shown that the best air defences against them are high rate gun systems, better optic sights, fragmented ammunition and Active Electronically Scanned Array (ASEA) radars. MANPADS have been noticed to be highly effective when in range and with night vision, the source said. This is an area that the Indian Army has been looking to modernise for a while, with limited success.

The Army's air defence is in the midst of a major transition. Several inductions are in the pipeline and efforts are under way to put in place a layered air defence net for various ranges and altitudes, which has only gained urgency post the Ukraine war.

As part of modernisation efforts, a ₹200 crore networking and automation project – on the lines of the Indian Air Force's Integrated Air Command and Control System (ICCCS) network – is now ready. "All tests have been completed and it is ready to be fielded. Integration is distributed at all levels. It is scheduled to go for approval of the competent financial authority by March 31," said sources who know of the development.

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) which met on January 10 had given its approval for procurement of a Very Short Range Air Defence Systems (VSHORAD-Infrared Homing) missile system currently under design and development by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

At the short-range level, the Army has the indigenous Akash surface-to-air Missile (SAM). A quick-reaction SAM is under development by the DRDO, with a range of 25-30 km. At the next range, the medium-range surface-to-air missile (MRSAM) project jointly developed by the DRDO with Israel has now entered production, sources said.

General Pande had also stated that sustenance of weapon systems and equipment, in terms of spares and ammunition, is one issue that the Army has addressed.

'Joshimath-like disaster could strike hillock in Guwahati'

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A Joshimath-like disaster could strike a Guwahati hillock adjoining the Brahmaputra river, a former Assam bureaucrat has warned.

Taking to Twitter on Saturday, former Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna said a portion of a road in front of a high-rise building coming up on a hillock in Kharghuli of Guwahati caved in on January 27. "(The) administration needs to check whether the hill(ock) can take this load of this huge building before (the) area becomes another Joshimath," Mr. Krishna, now the chairperson of the Assam Electricity Regulatory Authority, said. He tagged the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority, whose jurisdiction covers an area of 262 sq. km.

Physical verification

Kausar J. Hilaly, GMDA's Chief Executive Officer said an engineer has been sent to find out details about the construction activity. "I have asked for a physical verification of the location," he told *The Hindu*.

Kharghuli, where the Assam Raj Bhavan is also located, has had issues with real estate development along the riverbank.

Mirage's black box, Sukhoi's data recorder recovered

Press Trust of India
MORENA

The black box of the Mirage 2000 and a part of the flight data recorder of the Sukhoi-30MKI jet, which crashed in Madhya Pradesh's Morena district, have been found, an official said on Sunday.

Teams of the Indian Air Force inspected a forested area of Pahargarh, where the debris of the two fighter jets fell on Saturday. Search is on for the rest of the Sukhoi aircraft recorder, which might have fallen in Bharatpur, Morena SP Ashutosh Bagri said.

The two frontline combat aircraft crashed during a training mission in Morena, resulting in the death of a wing commander while two pilots ejected safely. "The black box of the Mirage aircraft has been found from the wreckage in Pahargarh area. A part of the Sukhoi aircraft's black box has also been found and the remaining part might have fallen in Bharatpur," Morena Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Bagri told *PTI* over the phone.

Sub-categorisation committee for OBCs gets 14th extension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The panel, formed in October 2017, was initially given 12 weeks to finish task of sub-categorising

The Justice G. Rohini-led commission for the sub-categorisation of other backward classes (OBCs) has been given yet another extension in its tenure by the President, according to a Gazette notification issued by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment last week.

This is the 14th extension in tenure that the commission has been given. The commission, formed in October 2017, was initially given 12 weeks to finish the task of sub-categorising the nearly 3,000 castes within the OBC umbrella and recommend division of the 27% OBC quota among them equitably. Initially, the government cited more time required by the panel to gather information and data and then it cited the pandemic.

The fresh six-month extension comes weeks after multiple members of the commission told *The Hindu* in December 2022 that their report was "in the final stages" and that they were prepared to submit it to the government by the end of January 2023.

After the notification of the extension, one commission member told *The Hindu* on Sunday, "Nothing is left for the panel to do. We are now just attaching annexures as required and finalising the compilation of the report."

Even as the notification issued on January 25 said the commission "shall present its report by 31st July, 2023", the panel member said they might be finished with it before the fresh deadline.

As part of its work, the commission had identified dominant caste groups among all OBC communities in the Central list, finding that a small group of dominant OBC communities were crowding out a large number of communities from the 27% quota.

NIA seals Hurriyat headquarters in Srinagar

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

A team of the NIA on Sunday sealed the Hurriyat headquarters in the Rajbagh area of Srinagar, a day after a special court in Delhi ordered its attachment under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

The NIA team pasted a notice on the gates of the multi-storey building, which has witnessed hectic Hurriyat meetings in the past 30 years and where protest calendars and Delhi-Srinagar dialogue were debated. The building is jointly owned by Nayeem Ahmed Khan, who is facing a trial in the NIA court, Delhi. He headed the Jammu and Kashmir National Front, a separatist group that was a constituent of the Hurriyat.

On Saturday, additional sessions judge Shailender Malik observed that the UAPA "does not in any manner hinder powers of court to attach any such property of which the accused is facing trial under the UAPA of which he may be partly owner".

Spread the word on schemes for middle class: PM to Ministers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi

Days before the presentation of the Union Budget, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday told Ministers in his government to reach out to all sections of society, especially the marginalised and the middle class, with details of the government's schemes that are for their benefit.

At the meeting of the Union Council of Ministers on Sunday, he also suggested that as India marks 75 years of its Independence, laws and norms which were reminiscent of the British Raj be flagged and scrapped, sources said.

With regard to the government's schemes, Mr. Modi told the Ministers to carry facts with them while reaching out to the middle class with details of the initiatives which helped them in various ways. Hard copies of the presentations made during the meeting were given to the Ministers to spread the message.

Three presentations were made, including one by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba on the overall work done by the government in the last eight years in the social and economic sectors.

Enrolment and retention of students have increased at all levels of education, primary, secondary and higher education, according to his presentation. The Secretary for the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Anurag Jain made a presentation on the status of various projects started by the government.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra told the meeting how various social media platforms can be used to spread the message of the good work done by the government.

Workers' issues: trade unions to meet today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A convention of the joint platform of 10 Central Trade Unions (CTUs) and independent sectoral federations and associations that will be held here on Monday may decide to go for "strike action" and other "long-term" protests in various sectors against the policies of the Centre.

The meeting will pass a resolution on the current economic and social status of workers and the unemployed, which will condemn price rise, inequality and problems of gig and platform workers. The issue of retrenchments of workers in major IT companies will also come up for discussion.

AITUC general secretary Amarjeet Kaur said it will focus on issues such as the "anti worker" labour codes, privatisation and contractualisation of workforce. She said it will demand proper wages, safety at work, social security and pension to all workers.

LIC continues to bet big on Adani Group, picks 5% as anchor investor in share sale

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NEW DELHI

The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) is ploughing more money into the Adani Group's flagship firm as it continues to be a net gainer despite the plunge in stock prices following a short seller's fraud allegations, filings and stock market data showed.

The LIC, India's largest life insurer, invested about ₹300 crore in buying 9,15,748 more shares as an anchor investor in a ₹20,000-crore new share sale by Adani Enterprises Ltd., according to a stock exchange filing of AEL.

The shares that LIC picked totalled 5% of the stocks reserved for anchor investors. In all, 33 institutional investors put in ₹5,985 crore as anchor investors in AEL. The LIC already had a 4.23% stake in AEL, just like it has holdings in other six listed companies of Adani Group.

According to stock exchange information, the LIC made a total investment of ₹28,400 crore in Adani shares over the past few years. The value of these shares was ₹72,200 crore before the report of the U.S. short seller triggered a stock price crash over the last two trading sessions.

The value of shares that LIC holds in Adani Group companies fell to ₹55,700 crore but it still is a net gainer by ₹27,300 crore over its original investment.

The LIC holds 9% in Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, 3.7% in Adani Transmission, 1.3% in Adani Green Energy and 6% in Adani Total Gas Ltd.

The anchor investors in the AEL's follow-on public offer included Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and Al Mehwar Commercial Investment LLC. AEL in the stock exchange filing said the FPO committee of its board of directors has finalised allocation of 1.82 crore shares to anchor investors at ₹3,276 apiece, of which ₹1,638 per share will be paid by now and the rest in subsequent calls.

‘India has done well in terms of aggregate growth over the last year’

Former Chief Economic Adviser hopes the Budget will treat unemployment and alarming inequality as big challenges, and the Finance Minister will announce measures to turn the economy around

INTERVIEW

Kaushik Basu

Prashanth Perumal

The erosion of India’s institutions is a worry and leaders should tackle this problem on an urgent basis, says Kaushik Basu, former Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India. Excerpts:

How is India’s economy doing at the moment?

In terms of aggregate growth over the last year, India has done well, especially in the context of the current global situation, where several advanced economies are on the brink of a recession. There are two reasons for India’s good performance. First, the RBI has done a skilful job in terms of monetary policy, managing interest rates judiciously to dampen inflation, and it has used the foreign exchange reserves strategically – releasing and buying dollars to hold the exchange rate within a reasonable range. Second, India has conducted its foreign policy with a measure of finesse and this has had a positive fallout on the economy. As the cracks between the West and China grow deeper, global players are now looking at India as a potential investment destination.

However, this relative good performance must not lead to complacency. India’s growth of 8.7% in 2021-22 is good, but India was among the weakest performers in the world in 2020-21 with a growth of minus-6.6%. So, most of the growth in 2021-22 was the growth of climbing out of the well. The average annual growth from 2020 to 2023 is 2.77%, which is much below India’s performance in the past and below that of many other nations.

The state of the economy is not a major talking point today despite several consecutive years of slowing growth. Can you elaborate on why economic growth matters?

India’s economy grew slower than in the previous year for five consecutive years – from 2016 to 2021. I believe growth matters, but I do not agree with economists who push growth to the margins. The mistake is to treat growth as an end in itself. Its importance is as an instrument to spread well-being in the entire population. Unfortunately, the growth that is occurring in India is disproportionately at the top-end. The rich are getting richer. We do not have enough data but all signs are that the lower middle classes are facing negative growth even while overall GDP growth is positive. India’s youth unemployment rate stands at 28.3%, which is almost double that of most east and southeast Asian nations. Clearly, these youngsters without work are not getting a share of the nation’s overall GDP growth.

My hope is that the Union Budget that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present soon will treat unemployment and the alarming inequality as the big challenge and that she will announce measures to turn the economy around. I say this aware that she has a hard act to perform because not only is India’s debt-to-GDP ratio high, but a large part of the government’s revenue receipts will have to be spent on paying interest on past debt. In the case of the Central government, in 2022-23, it is expected that 43% of the revenue receipts will be used on interest payment.

How would you rate the performance of the Modi government since 2014 in implementing 1991-style structural reforms?

The Modi government has done some important reforms, for which it deserves credit. Among them are the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of 2016, and the Goods and Services Tax.

But there have also been major mistakes. The demonetisation of 2016 caused a huge setback to India’s economy and also to India’s reputation for professional policymaking. Second, the lockdown of 2020 was poorly done, with little attention to the well-being of workers, farmers and small businesses. Hence, the overall picture is mixed.

How would you rate the quality of India’s institutions today?

What is not always appreciated is that an economy relies not just on economic policy but also on political, legal and social institutions, and on trust and confidence among citizens. These have been eroded over the last few years with increasing polarisation.

This erosion, unlike a bad economic policy, does not have an immediate effect on the economy but it weakens the foundations and can cause long-run damage.

The most outstanding years of India’s growth were from 2003 to 2011, from the time of Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s government to Manmohan Singh’s.

One clear sign that the institutional foundations and trust were growing was India’s investment rate, which rose steadily. In 2011-12, the investment rate reached 39%. This has come down steadily and in 2019-20 was at 32.3%.

Congress releases final list of candidates for Meghalaya polls

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Seeking to regain lost ground, the Congress on Saturday night announced its second and final list of five candidates for the Meghalaya Assembly election, slated for February 27. The second list included a woman, Jhanika Siangshai, for the Khliehriat Assembly constituency, once the hub of the rat-hole coal mining industry.

The Congress had nominated 10 women in the first list of 55 candidates.

The names on the new list are Arbiangkam Khar Sohmat from the Amlarem constituency, Chireng Peter R. Marak from Kharkutta, Tweel K. Marak from Resubelpara and Carla R. Sangma from Rajabala.

Announcing the names, Meghalaya Pradesh Congress Committee president and MP Vincent H. Pala said the party would not hold mega rallies or bring in star campaigners despite about 80% of the candidates being fresh faces.

“We are going for grassroots connect as people in Meghalaya prefer to be acquainted with their candidates than the parties they belong to,” he told pressmen in the State capital Shillong.

Mr. Pala is contesting from the Sutnga-Saipung constituency in the East Jaintia Hills district.

Rival party leaders back Trinamool candidate

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A Trinamool Congress candidate in Meghalaya has received unexpected support from leaders of rival parties, chiefly the National People’s Party (NPP). Veteran Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister R.C. Laloo and NPP leader Brightstar Chyrmang have appealed to the people to vote for Andrew Shullai, the Trinamool candidate from Jowai.

“Andrew is full of hope. Let us choose hope not only for this generation but for the future generation too. I told him to have determination in this fight for the people of Jowai,” Mr. Laloo was quoted by the local media as saying at a public meeting on Saturday.

He also assured the gathering that Mr. Shullai would win the election.

Rahul targets Modi, says India has to deal firmly with China

The approach taken by government is giving China more confidence, he says, citing claim by Ladakhi team that 2,000 sq. km is under occupation

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Ladakh situation, and said he was told by local people that around 2,000 square kilometres of land is now under Chinese occupation.

“Prime Minister Modi is the only person under the impression that no land has been taken by China. A Ladakhi delegation clearly said that 2,000 sq. km of Indian territory was taken by the Chinese. They also said that many patrolling points that used to be in India are now firmly in Chinese hands,” Mr. Gandhi said in Srinagar.

He said the approach taken by the government, which is completely denying that the Chinese had taken Indian land, was dangerous and gave China more confidence to engage in aggressive behaviour. “We have to deal with the Chinese firmly and tell them they are sitting on our land, and they won’t be tolerated,” Mr. Gandhi said.

He also accused the government of denying the Opposition space to discuss the issue in Parliament. “They (the government) just don’t allow any debate on the Ladakh situation,” he added.

The Congress leader was addressing a press conference hours after unfurling the Tricolour at Lal Chowk here. His remarks come a day after External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said some people were deliberately spreading wrong news about the China issue. “Knowing it is not true, for politics and by talking about some land which was taken by China in 1962, they give the impression this happened recently,” the Minister said.

The former Congress president, who had undertaken the 134-day Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanniyakumari to Srinagar, has been raising the issue of Chinese aggression along the Line of Actual Control, alleging that Indian land had been occupied.

(*With PTI inputs*)

End of the yatra: Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and K.C. Venugopal addressing a press conference in Srinagar on Sunday. PTI

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> **RAHUL GANDHI**

PM made it possible for Rahul to hoist Tricolour: BJP

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NEW DELHI/JAMMU

The BJP on Sunday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s “uncalled for and unwarranted” attack on the government and the RSS, and asked him to acknowledge that Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led dispensation created the conditions that allowed him to unfurl the National Flag at Lal Chowk in Srinagar.

Senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said it was Mr. Modi’s decisive leadership that led to the revocation of Article 370, bringing peace to the Valley with the Tricolour now being unfurled on Independence Day and Republic Day even in the erstwhile den of terror outfits.

Other BJP leaders echoed the view, with party spokesperson Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore saying that Mr. Modi had created such an atmosphere in Kashmir that any Indian could now hoist the National Flag with pride at Lal Chowk. He asked Mr. Gandhi to thank the Prime Minister for the change in the Valley.

In a swipe at the Congress’s handling of militancy in Kashmir, Mr. Prasad said people knew what happened under the 10-year rule of Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi and, in general, in the reign of the Congress.

TIPRA announces list of 20 candidates for Tripura election

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Hours after being checkmated by the BJP, the Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance (TIPRA Motha) on Saturday night announced its list of 20 candidates, eight beyond its “comfort zone” straddling areas under a tribal council. The TIPRA Motha is headed by Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma, the Tripura royal scion who said no member of the royal family, including him, will contest the February 16 election.

Mr. Debbarma had been trying to forge a pre-poll alliance with the Indigenous People’s Front of Tripura (IPFT), a minor ally of the BJP, and had reportedly held a closed-door meeting with the party’s leaders in Guwahati a few days ago. Speculation about a possible Motha-IPFT alliance began doing the rounds after three of the eight IPFT legislators quit to join Mr. Debbarma’s party.

But on Saturday, the BJP and the IPFT refreshed their pre-poll alliance of 2018 with 55 seats to be contested by candidates of the former and five of the latter. The IPFT got half the number of seats it was allotted five years ago in the areas under the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC).

The development came after Mr. Debbarma, in a video message, said the TIPRA Motha and the IPFT agreed to start a process of becoming a “singular party” and fight the election with a “singular flag and symbol” against anyone opposed to the “constitutional demand” of “Greater Tipraland” State.

Greater Tipraland comprises all areas within and beyond the TTAADC that were once under the Tripura kings.

In a last-ditch attempt, Mr. Debbarma tried to stall the BJP-IPFT alliance. He called almost all IPFT leaders but none of them responded.

Tripura has 60 seats, 20 of them reserved for the Scheduled Tribes within the TTAADC.

Papia Datta is BJP candidate in Agartala

AGARTALA

The BJP on Sunday nominated its women’s wing leader, Papia Datta, against Congress heavyweight Sudip Roy Barman for the prestigious 6-Agartala constituency in the Assembly election in Tripura. The party has named its candidates in all the 55 seats it would be contesting this time. It has allotted five seats to the Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura.

Mesmerising Beating Retreat ceremony brings an end to Republic Day celebrations

Mehul Malpani
NEW DELHI

With rain drops falling and foot-tapping music playing on the ground, the Beating Retreat ceremony was held on Sunday at Vijay Chowk opposite the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. It marked the end to the four-day Republic Day celebrations.

While the audience and performers remained undeterred by the constant rain, a drone show, said to be India’s biggest with 3,500 indigenous drones, and a 3-D anamorphic projection show on the facade of the North and South Blocks had to be cancelled. The ceremony began with fanfare by buglers and the massed band playing the *Agniveer* tune after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Pandey and the Tri-Services chiefs welcomed President Droupadi Murmu.

Tri-Services bands performing during the Beating Retreat ceremony at Vijay Chowk in New Delhi on Sunday. PTI

As many as 29 captivating and foot-tapping Indian tunes based on classical ragas were played by the music bands of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the State police and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

After the Pipes and Drums band played tunes such as *Kedar Nath*, *Queen of Satpura* and *Konkan Sundari*, the CAPF band’s *Pyari Bhumi* and *Gangotri* set the mood for the evening. The Air Force’s band played *Aprajey Arjun*, *Charkha*, *Vayu Shakti*, *Swadeshi*.

Ekla Cholo Re, *Hum Taiyyar Hai*, and *Jai Bharati* were played by the band of the Navy, with sailors making warship and submarine formations.

The Army’s band played *Shankhnaad*, *Sher-e-Jawan*, *Bhupal*, *Agranee Bharat*, *Young India*, *Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja*, *Drummers Call* and *Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon*. They made formations to depict the National War Memorial and Central Vista.

JD(U) president Lalan Singh will attend KCR event on Feb. 17: Nitish

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday said Janata Dal(U) president Lalan Singh will participate in a function organised by Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief and Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao in Secunderabad on February 17, as Mr. Rao had “personally extended invitation” to him.

The announcement comes after Mr. Kumar was conspicuously absent at a rally in Khammam in Telangana, which saw the participation of three Chief Ministers of non-BJP ruled States. “Yes, I have got a call from him [Mr. Rao] for the invitation. It is, perhaps, his personal function and if someone invites you, one should participate in it. JD(U) president is going to participate in it,” Mr. Kumar said in Kaimur.

Earlier, Telangana Minister Vemula Prashant Reddy said Mr. Singh and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav would join Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and B.R. Ambedkar’s grandson Prakash Ambedkar at a public meeting in Secunderabad. It will be held after the inauguration of the new Secretariat building by Mr. Rao.

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INBRIEF

Urgently address gaps in leprosy services, says WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Sunday urged countries, especially those in the Southeast Asia Region, to urgently address gaps in leprosy services disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The organisation asked the countries to accelerate efforts towards achieving the goal of zero leprosy disease, stigma and discrimination – the vision of the WHO Global Leprosy Strategy 2021-2030. Leprosy is 100% curable when detected early, yet today in addition to COVID-related challenges, discrimination and stigma continue to impede prompt diagnosis and treatment, said Poonam Khetrapal Singh, regional director of WHO South-East Asia. PTI

Sonam Wangchuk's 'house arrest' reprehensible: CPI(M)

A day after Ladakh-based education reformist Sonam Wangchuk claimed that he had been placed under house arrest at his institute in Leh, the CPI(M) hit out at the government, saying the move was to prevent him from speaking on bringing the Union Territory under Schedule 6 of the Constitution. "Magsaysay awardee Sonam Wangchuk's life inspired *3 Idiots*. He launched a campaign to safeguard Ladakh's unique attributes and is under house arrest for this! Prevented from speaking on Schedule 6 and risks of climate change and on Republic Day! Reprehensible," CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said in a tweet. PTI

Lucknow-Kolkata flight aborts take-off following bird-hit

A Kolkata-bound AIX Connect (formerly AirAsia India) flight from Lucknow aborted take-off and returned to the bay on Sunday, following a bird hit. The aircraft has been grounded for a detailed inspection, the airline said in a statement. There were 147 passengers onboard the aircraft. "Flight i5-319, scheduled to operate from Lucknow to Kolkata, encountered a bird strike during the take-off roll. As a result, the aircraft returned to the bay and was grounded for inspection," AIX Connect said. The carrier said the passengers were attended to, and efforts were being made to mitigate the impact. PTI

Hindu Sena stages protest outside BBC's Delhi office

Members of the Hindu Sena on Sunday put up anti-BBC placards outside the broadcaster's office on Kasturba Gandhi Marg in New Delhi, over its controversial documentary on the 2002 Gujarat riots. Placards reading "BBC is a threat to India's unity and it should be banned", "BBC stop tarnishing India's image", and "BBC leave India" were put up outside the main gate of the BBC office. The Hindu Sena members accused the media organisation of conspiring to tarnish and malign the image of India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The BBC was a threat to the unity and integrity of the nation and the channel should be banned immediately in India, Hindu Sena chief Vishnu Gupta said. PTI

Officials see organised attempt to foment trouble in Jammu region

The twin terror attacks on January 1 and 2 in Rajouri's Dangri village have brought to fore the continued attempts to revive militancy in Jammu since dilution of Article 370; in the past three years, 240 weapons have been seized, says official

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Trouble brewing: An official said that in the past three years, 570 grenades and 70 IEDs have been seized in Jammu.

Security agencies have foiled the bulk of the terror attacks in the Jammu division in the past three years, officials say. But militant activity has gone up in the region after the special status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under Article 370 of the Constitution was withdrawn on August 5, 2019.

The twin terror attacks on January 1 and 2 in Rajouri's Dangri village, where seven persons of the Hindu community were killed, have brought to the fore the continued attempts to revive militancy in the Jammu division, which has seen relative peace in the past two decades compared with the Kashmir Valley. Terrorists behind the attack remain unidentified. The unidentified terrorists involved in the attack remain at large.

"Around 70 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) were detected in the past three years, out of which six exploded. Though we have around 92% success in thwarting the attacks, the difficult terrain and new methods adopted by the terror groups pose a challenge," an official said.

Another official explained that the recovery of huge amount of explosives points to an organised attempt to foment trouble in the Jammu region as well as the Kashmir Valley.

On January 13, Home Minister Amit Shah visited Jammu, and said that in the next three months, the security grid in every area of Jammu would be strengthened further and made impenetrable.

The Union Home Ministry has decided to increase the presence of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Rajouri and Poonch districts.

The Rashtriya Rifles (RR) unit of the Army that is deployed on highways and main roads along the Line of Control (LoC) is likely to be divested of the task of providing security to road-opening parties, and the job will be handed over to the CRPF instead, an official said, adding that this will give the Army more time to focus on operations against terrorists.

Officials suspect that large quantities of arms and explosives are making their way to the region from across the border with the help of drones.

On January 22, two blasts in Jammu's Narwal area injured nine persons and IEDs are suspected to have been involved in the blasts.

The Jammu division and the Kashmir Valley have witnessed targeted killing of Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus in the past two years.

The Chenab Valley comprising Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts and the Pir Panjal region comprising Rajouri and Poonch districts in Jammu have witnessed targeted attacks and infiltration from across the border in the past three years, a senior government official said.

It is against this backdrop that civilians in border villages of Jammu are being armed by the government under the Village Defence Guards (VDGs) scheme. The official said that in the past three years, 240 weapons and 570 grenades have been seized in Jammu. Of the 70 IEDs detected in the same period, six exploded.

It was in April 2022 in Narwal, close to International Boundary with Pakistan, where two unidentified Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) militants, apparently on a suicide mission, were killed, just two days ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first public address in J&K since August 5, 2019. The operation was based on specific intelligence inputs.

On the eve of Republic Day this year, Captain Rakesh T.R. of the 9th Battalion, Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) was given the Shaurya Chakra for thwarting the fidayeen attack on PM's rally.

DoT flags applications for undersea cable stations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has expressed uneasiness over Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio and Sify Technologies applying for undersea cable landing station authorisations when these companies do not have any stake in the cable networks they are connecting to Indian Internet networks, according to an RTI response obtained by *The Hindu*.

The undersea cables carry much of the global Internet traffic that goes between different countries.

Various permissions from different government agencies are required to land these cables on Indian shores and connect them to telecom and Internet providers' networks.

Reliance Jio has applied for authorisations for landing the IAX and IEX international cable systems in India; Airtel has applied for the 2Africa and SEA-ME-WE-6 cable systems; and Sify has applied for authorisation for the Blue Raman cable system.

RTI portal bars new accounts, users to fill data for every form

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The RTI Online portal of the Union government no longer allows creation of accounts, and new users on the portal, or those whose accounts have been deleted, will have to fill in all their personal particulars every time they file an application.

The National Informatics Centre (NIC) has removed the option to create accounts, citing "heavy load" on the portal, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said in an RTI response obtained by *The Hindu*. Existing user accounts that are inactive will be deleted in six months, the portal warns users in a message.

With an account, citizens can file Right to Information applications to Central organisations without entering their name, postal address, mobile number and e-mail address for each RTI application they file.

A Dehradun-based programmer, who created a browser extension to allow users to auto-fill their details to speed up RTI applications, told *The Hindu* that the portal's time limit to fill in all this information may discourage people from filing applications. "When there is some error while filling in forms on Indian government sites, the entire data are lost," the programmer, who asked not to be named, said.

In its response, the DoPT said that "as it was observed that due to the heavy load/traffic on RTI online portal, portal is not responding smoothly and leads to number of RTI requests failing to succeed, therefore, in order to increase the response time and decrease the server load of RTI online portal, remedial actions" such as removing the option to create a new account were taken. There was no internal order or circular documenting the change, the department said.

Mann ki Baat: PM calls for relentless efforts to strengthen the republic

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the 97th episode of his monthly radio address, *Mann Ki Baat*, on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for relentless efforts to strengthen the Indian Republic. He said the republic became strong "by public participation", "by everyone's effort" and "by performing one's duties towards the country".

Mr. Modi also congratulated the Padma awards winners and hailed their "nation first" approach.

The Prime Minister said there had been a good representation of the tribal community and people associated with tribal life among the Padma awardees. He said many great personalities who had worked on tribal languages like Toto, Ho, Kui, Kuvi and Manda had received the awards.

"It is a matter of pride for all of us," he said.

Talking about the history of democracy in India, he said that a village in Tamil Nadu – Utirmerur – had an inscription from 1,100 to 1,200 years ago which was like a mini-Constitution.

> Just as people have made yoga and fitness a part of their lives by taking active participation on a large scale, similarly people are adopting millets on a large scale
> **NARENDRA MODI**

"It has been explained in detail how the gram sabha should be conducted and what the procedure for selection of its members shall be," he said.

"Another example of democratic values in the history of our country is the Anubhav Mandapam of Lord Basavesvara of the 12th century. Here, free debate and discussion were encouraged. You will be surprised to know that it was even before the *Magna Carta*. The republican traditions of the Kakatiya dynasty kings of Warangal were also very famous. The Bhakti movement furthered the culture of democracy in western India," he said, while mentioning about the book, *India: The Mother of Democracy,* prepared and published by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).

Connecting millets and yoga, he said a revolution is on the way because of public participation in campaigns for both.

"Just as people have made yoga and fitness a part of their lives by taking active participation on a large scale, similarly people are adopting millets on a large scale. People are now making millets a part of their diet," he said.

Mr. Modi said if recycled carefully, e-waste could become a great force in the circular economy of recycle and reuse.

He said about 17 types of precious metals could be extracted from e-waste. "These include gold, silver, copper and nickel. So, utilising e-waste is no less than making *Kachre Ko Kanchan*. Today there is no dearth of start-ups that are doing innovative work in this direction," Mr. Modi said.

Speaking about the importance of wetland sites protected under the Ramsar Convention, he reminded about the importance of observing World Wetlands Day on February 2.

"Wetlands may be there in any country, but they have to fulfill many criteria. Only then are they declared Ramsar sites. Ramsar sites should have 20,000 or more water birds. It is important to have a large number of local fish species," he said.

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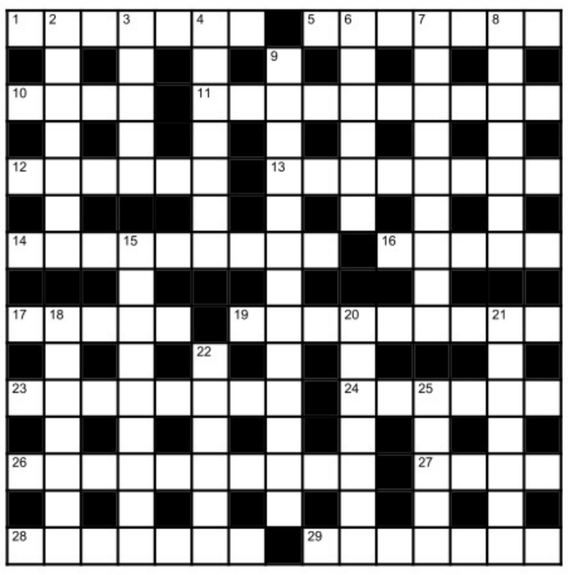

Across

1 One among every other feline gets lost (7)
5 Nobleman in Paris who visits another planet (7)
10 Flatness, oddly, in propellers (4)
11 Veteran international loads semi-automatic pistols just right (10)
12 Revolutionary work in alternative medicine (6)
13 Moderate leader of India welcomed by comrade recently (8)
14 Flatland in Palo Alto, almost completely destroyed (9)
16 Peasant from backward district in Maharashtra (5)
17 Quick! Say,"Cheese" before start of filming (5)
19 Squad captivated by how Detective Sergeant cracked murder cases (9)
23 Iron strap reflecting "L" carried by beginner (4-4)
24 Very old, large bird echoing sound (6)
26 Long off? (10)
27 Division backing king (4)
28 Sex joints getting aired, apparently (2,5)
29 Squeeze lock to eavesdrop, says Spooner (4,3)

Down

2 Where one may find films enjoying a good run (2,1,4)
3 Unlimited vintage drink (5)
4 Trendy, majestic clothes of the Queen (7)
6 Commercial featuring carefree life away from home (6)
7 Incomplete citation by Indian nationalist put out in daily (9)
8 African politicians drink at Hampstead bars (7)
9 New black sat phone? Congratulations! (4,2,3,4)
15 Story by popular English fellow is beyond description (9)
18 Warning to stop terrible, unending atrocity (4,3)
20 Delegate's review of electric vehicle - much adored (7)
21 In the Philippines, wild buffalo is detained by gnu - a ram attacks from below (7)
22 Donald Thomas, after cutting hands badly, drops a drink (3,3)
25 Long-time prisoner initially locked-up in farmhouse escapes resourcefully (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Utter Narayana's name daily

Confusion is inherent to human nature. Devotees often seek to know if reciting slokas will get them divine blessings. Or should one be conducting homas? Observe fasting, conduct prayers and other rituals on designated days? What should one do that can help clear one's deficit if any in one's religious conduct at an individual, familial level? While any one or all of the above are recommended, one of the easiest ways to attain moksha is utter God's name every day, as many times as possible. Subconsciously, our minds will focus on God and good deeds. This is one reason why our elders have always recommended that we name our children after our gods, as a margam to moksha, said Dhamal Perundevi in a discourse.

Andal says, "*Ongi ulagalandha utthaman peyar padi*". Praise His name, she says. There is no greater power on earth than uttering the name of the Lord. When you utter His name knowingly or unknowingly, He comes to your aid. We have seen that in the case of Ajamila, Prahlada and many others. Our puranas say Ajamila lived a life as divorced from virtue as humanly possible. His crimes were notorious and everyone said he was earmarked for hell. However, there was one good deed that he had unwittingly done –naming his favourite son as Narayana. He kept calling out to his son, often. On his death bed, it is said he was aware of his impending end. Frightened out of his wits, he called out, 'Narayana, Narayana' with his final breath. Vishnu's messengers arrived to guide his soul to heaven. When a bhakta calls out to Him, Narayana namam will give all aishwaryam in this world while living and ultimately, moksha.

TEHRAN

Earthquake of 5.9-magnitude kills three persons in northwest Iran

AFP

A 5.9-magnitude earthquake hit northwestern Iran overnight, killing at least three persons and injuring more than 800 in the region near the border with Turkey. Residents fled their homes, with hundreds seeking shelter from freezing winter conditions in evacuation centres as more than 20 aftershocks rattled the region. AFP

CAPE TOWN

Russian polar research vessel docks in Cape Town amid protests

AFP

A Russian polar research vessel docked in South Africa's Cape Town at the weekend as climate protesters raised fears it could be used to help Moscow explore for minerals in protected Antarctica. The *Akademik Aleksandr Karpinskiy* icebreaker is on its way to the Antarctic as part of a scientific expedition launched last year. AFP

MALE

Maldives President to run again after winning party primary poll

THE HINDU

Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won a party primary election and will run for a second term in the September elections. Mr. Solih defeated Mohamed Nasheed, the parliament speaker and a former President, in the Maldivian Democratic Party primary held on Saturday night. AP

DUBAI

Iran says drone attack targets defence facility in Isfahan

AFP

Bomb-carrying drones targeted an Iranian defence factory in the central city of Isfahan overnight on early Sunday, causing some damage at the plant amid heightened regional and international tensions engulfing the Islamic Republic. The Defence Ministry gave no information on who it suspected carried out the attack. AP

Israel takes steps to punish the 'families of terrorists'

Officials plan a slew of measures such as revoking the identity cards of the kin of attackers and making it legal for Israeli citizens to carry firearms. Blinken to meet leaders of Israel, Palestine

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israeli forces on Sunday prepared to demolish the family home of a Palestinian man who killed seven persons near a synagogue, as part of measures to punish the relatives of attackers.

The Security Cabinet earlier agreed to a slew of steps, including rescinding the rights to social security benefits of "the families of terrorists that support terrorism".

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet said the east Jerusalem home of Khayri Alqam, 21 – who was shot dead by the police following Friday's attack – "will be sealed immediately ahead of its demolition".

Israel already routinely demolishes the homes of Palestinians who kill Israelis, although the process requires prior notice to families and allows for an appeals process.

Mr. Netanyahu said on Sunday that revoking Israeli identity cards of the relatives of attackers was on the agenda of the weekly Cabinet meeting.

Collateral damage: The house of the man responsible for the synagogue attack after it was barricaded by soldiers on Sunday. AFP

Agenda of the right

The punitive measures announced are in line with proposals from Mr. Netanyahu's extreme-right political partners, whose support enabled him to return to power at the end of December.

They are likely to apply primarily to Palestinians with Israeli nationality, known as Arab-Israelis, and Palestinians with residency permits for annexed east Jerusalem.

The mounting toll was described as a "death spiral" by Pope Francis, who referred to both Palestinians and Israelis killed.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is expected in Jerusalem and Ramallah on Monday and Tuesday to discuss steps for de-escalation.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Mr. Netanyahu are due to meet separately with Mr. Blinken, for talks that have taken on renewed urgency amid the latest bloodshed.

Israel's Security Cabinet responded to the latest attacks with another decision, to make it easier for Israeli citizens to obtain permits to carry firearms with them.

"When civilians have guns, they can defend themselves," extreme-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir told reporters outside a Jerusalem hospital on Saturday.

Fear of reprisals

The Jerusalem attacks came after the deadliest raid by Israeli forces in the West Bank in nearly two decades, which killed 10 Palestinians.

The surge in violence has sparked fears of further reprisals.

Outside the nearby Israeli settlement of Kedumim, guards killed a Palestinian who the Army alleged was armed with a handgun.

Sunak sacks Conservative Party chairman Zahawi over tax affairs

Reuters
LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak fired the Conservative Party chair Nadhim Zahawi from the government on Sunday after an investigation found he had been insufficiently open about a tax probe that he settled while he was Finance Minister.

In an embarrassing episode for Mr. Sunak, he initially stood by Mr. Zahawi before ordering an independent adviser to investigate questions over his tax affairs after it emerged Mr. Zahawi had settled a probe by Britain's tax authority HMRC last year.

Mr. Zahawi has said the tax body ruled he had been "careless" with his declarations but had not deliberately made an error to pay less tax. But Mr. Sunak's independent adviser Laurie Magnus said that Mr. Zahawi did not declare that his tax affairs were being investigated when he was briefly made Finance Minister last year, and failed to disclose details when Mr. Sunak appointed him to his current role.

Exit route: Nadhim Zahawi was insufficiently open about a tax probe that he settled while he was Finance Minister. AFP

"Following the completion of the Independent Adviser's investigation - the findings of which he has shared with us both - it is clear that there has been a serious breach of the Ministerial Code," Mr. Sunak said in a letter to Mr. Zahawi.

"As a result, I have informed you of my decision to remove you from your position in His Majesty's Government."

Mr. Zahawi's response to Mr. Sunak did not mention either the HMRC or the independent adviser's investigation.

Mr. Zahawi expressed concern at the conduct of some in the media in recent weeks and said he would support Mr. Sunak's agenda as a backbench lawmaker.

"I am sorry to my family for the toll this has taken on them" he said.

The Opposition Labour Party and some of Mr. Sunak's own Conservative lawmakers had said Mr. Zahawi should have stood down earlier while Mr. Sunak waited for the findings of Mr. Magnus' investigation.

Mike Pompeo slams Ghani in his book, calls him a fraud

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

Ashraf Ghani, the former Afghanistan President who fled the country when the Taliban seized power in Kabul, was "a total fraud" solely focused on his own desire to stay in power, and a big hurdle in any peace talks, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has alleged.

In his book titled '*Never Give an Inch: Fighting for the America I Love*,' Mr. Pompeo claims that both Mr. Ghani and Afghanistan's former chief executive Abdullah Abdullah were involved in corruption at the highest levels that limited the U.S.'s ability to successfully exit the war-torn country in August 2021.

The U.S. completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan on August 31, ending its 20-year-old military presence in the war-torn country.

"As negotiations accelerated, Ghani was always a problem. I met scores of world leaders, and he was my least favourite. That's saying a lot when you have Kim (Jong-un), Xi (Jinping), and (Vladimir) Putin in the mix. Yet Ghani was a total fraud who had wasted American lives and was focused solely on his own desire to stay in power," Mr. Pompeo writes in his book that released last week.

Charred remains: The burnt wreckage of a bus accident in Bela of Balochistan province in Pakistan on Sunday. AP

17 students among 59 people killed in two accidents in Pakistan

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

At least 59 people, including over a dozen students, were killed on Sunday in two separate accidents in Pakistan, according to officials.

In the first accident, a bus carrying 48 people from Balochistan's provincial capital Quetta to Karachi, the capital of Sindh province, crashed into the pillar and subsequently careened into a ravine before catching fire in the Lasbela area, Assistant Commissioner Lasbela Hamza Anjum said.

"The speeding bus crashed into the pillar of a bridge while taking a U-turn near Lasbela and fell into a ravine and then caught fire," he told the media.

Mr. Anjum said till now 42 bodies have been recovered from the accident site. The dead included women and children.

Only three persons, including a child and a woman, could be rescued alive, the official said, adding that the death toll could rise as the injured were in critical condition.

"There were a total of 48 people on the passenger coaster," he said.

In another incident, at least 17 students of a religious seminary were killed when their boat capsized in a lake in northwest Pakistan, according to officials.

The students, aged between seven and 14 years, of Madrassa Mirbash Khel were on an excursion trip when their boat capsized in the Tanda Dam lake in Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said.

The rescue workers have recovered 17 bodies, they said.

Tom Verlaine of punk band Television dies at 73

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Tom Verlaine, the influential frontman of the band Television which emerged from the New York punk rock underground in the late 1970s with the seminal album *Marquee Moon*, has died at the age of 73, his family said on Saturday.

The singer and guitarist died in New York "after a brief illness," Jesse Paris Smith, the daughter of Verlaine and punk-poet laureate Patti Smith, told *The New York Times*, without specifying a cause of death.

"This is a time when all seemed possible," Ms. Smith wrote in an Instagram post on Saturday, alongside an old photo of her with Verlaine.

"Farewell Tom, aloft the Omega."

Born Thomas Miller, Verlaine adopted his last name from the French poet Paul Verlaine, whose lyricism he tried to infuse into his song-writing, while playing guitar in a style both ethereal and aggressive.

He went to high school with fellow punk icon Richard Hell, and together they founded Television in 1973 alongside guitarist Richard Lloyd. Its 1977 debut *Marquee Moon* is "one of the greatest albums of the punk era," according to Rolling Stone magazine.

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Ref. No. SEE(E)/UDP/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-78/2022-23/I/34329/2023 Date: 20.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

MESCOM, invites tenders from eligible Agencies for the execution of following works on Total Turnkey Basis.

Sl. No.	Work Description	Work Indent No.	Tender Amount (in Lakhs)	Category
1.	Replacement of existing over head LT line by AB cable near Venkatramana Temple Road of Katapadi O & M Section, Kaup Sub divison	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 1945	Rs. 8.25	General
2.	Reconductoring of Deteriorated LT lines of 03 No. Transformers pertaining to Kedoor Village of Gopadi Section in Kundapura Sub-division.	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 1946	Rs. 26.48	General
3.	Construction of new HT link line from Kundapura 110/33/11kv MUSS to Parijatha Circle to create new Chinmayee feeder in Kundapura-1 Section of Kundapura Sub-division	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 1947	Rs. 23.88	General

The bids will be received through Electronic (E-tendering) mode only. The details of tender notification can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **30.01.2023.** Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O&M Circle, Udupi.

For Power Related Complaints and Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/Tr(W&M)C/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/5872-76 Date: 27.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids for Tenders for the following works.

1) Bid Enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)C/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/Additional Wadi, Dtd:27.01.2023 Tender for the work of "Providing additional 1x10MVA,110/11KV Power Transformer along with additional switch gear at 110/11KV Wadi Sub station in Chittapur Taluka and Kalaburagi District including supply of equipment's / materials, erection (including civil works), testing & commissioning on PTK basis (major materials such as Power Transformer, 11kV Switchgear will be supplied by KPTCL).

2) Bid Enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)C/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/Additional Nalwar, Dtd:27.01.2023 Tender for the work of "Providing Additional 1X10MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer at 110/33/11kV Nalwar Sub station in Chittapur Taluk, Kalaburagi Dist. including supply of equipments / materials, erection (including civil works), testing & commissioning on PTK basis (major materials such as Power Transformer, 11kV Switchgear will be supplied by KPTCL).

The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"List of Tenders"** on or after **03.02.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

No: KPTCL/HRDC/CIVIL/ B-78/2022-23/2014 Date: 27.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites Bids on Karnataka Government e-Procurement portal for the following services.

Name of the work: 1) Tender for Day to Day Operation & Maintenance of Hostel and other accommodation Rooms including laundry services at human resource development centre, KPTCL, Hoody, Bengaluru. (Call-2) Estimated Cost: **Rs.53,18,000/-.**

2) Tender for Providing Housekeeping services to Human Resources Development Centre, KPTCL, White Field Road, Hoody, Bengaluru (Call-3). Estimated Cost: **Rs.44,98,026/-.**

The bids will be received through Karnataka Government e-procurement portal only. The other details regarding qualifying requirements, period of completion, EMD and details regarding participating in e-procurement process etc., can be obtained by logging on to **htpp://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **4:00 p.m. on 01.02.2023** Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-, Administrator, HRD Centre, KPTCL, White Field Road, Hoody, Bengaluru - 560 048.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570 023.
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 21/2022–23/ದಿ: 25–01–2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರುರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುರವರ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ, CPWD/ /KPWD/ WRDO/PRED and any other Government Organisation ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾಗಿರುವ ಅಂದರೆ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಎನ್‌ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಮೂನೆ **KW-4** ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ **"2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 5054 ಮಳೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್** ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, **ಮೈಸೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ** ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಿ.ಸಿ ಚರಂಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ/ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಡಾಂಬರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತವು ರೂ.500.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಒಟ್ಟು 02 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ರೂ.7,50,000/– ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದೆ. ಇದರಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು **ದಿ: 25.01.2023 ರಿಂದ 01.02.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ/ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅಂತಿಮ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.01.2023, 16.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **02.02.2023ರ ಸಂಜೆ 17.00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಂತೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ (e-procurement portal) ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು https://eprockarnataka.gov.in ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕುವೆಂಪುನಗರ, ಮೈಸೂರು (ಫೋನ್ ನಂ.0821–2560853) ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರು
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DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/933/2022-23

ASKUS

N. SREE KANTH

Q I purchased a flat by availing a housing term loan (HTL). If I sell a plot purchased in 1989 and credit the sale proceeds to the HTL account, can I avoid paying Capital Gains tax?
P.K. MANOKARAN

A You cannot avoid Capital Gains if the proceeds of the sale of a capital asset is credited to a specific account.
Alternatively, you may look to avail exemptions as provided in the Income Tax Act, 1961 such as Section 54F or Section 54EC and check whether they apply to you. Conditions and the applicability of both the sections are elucidated below.
You may choose to opt exemption under Section 54F, if you invest an amount equal to or higher than the Long Term Capital Gains arising from the transfer of the plot and satisfy all the following conditions -
1) The new residential property is to be purchased within a period 2 years from the date of transfer of the original capital asset or constructed within 3 years from the date of transfer of the original capital asset (plot) or a new residential property purchased within 1 year prior to the transfer of the capital asset
2) Once invested in the new residential property, the same is not to be transferred within 3 years
3) You should not own more than one residential property, other than the new asset, on the date of transfer of the original asset. In other words, you should not own any other residential properties other than the flat you mentioned in the query
4) You should not purchase any residential property, other than the new asset, within a period of one year after the date of transfer of the original asset
5) You should not construct any residential property, other than the new asset, within a period of three years after the date of transfer of the original asset

Bond investment
You may alternatively invest in bonds under Section 54EC of the Income Tax Act, 1961, up to an amount of ₹50 lakh within 6 months from the date of transfer of the original asset in order to claim the exemption of the LTCG arising from the sale of the plot.

Q I'm Vineeth from Chennai. I'm having below query on filling up income tax return. Now, my total income (only salaried income, no other additional income) in the last financial year was ₹5,24,000 (After ₹90,000 was exempted under 80C components such as PF, PPF etc).
In 80G category, I made ₹40,500 which is partially 50% deductible (₹40,000) and partially 100% deductible (₹500). So, totally, I can avail exemption of ₹20,500 in this category. I will also claim bike insurance premium of ₹1,500 as well.
So finally, I'm ending up with ₹5,02,000 as the net total income. Is there any other exemption category available which I can choose for ₹2,000 so that I would be tax free.
NOTE: I didn't avail HRA exemption for last year as my brother availed it as we live in same house. Shall I legally claim HRA exemption for the same house even though my brother had already claimed the amount?
VINEETH

A As a salaried employee, you are eligible for a standard deduction of ₹50,000 on your salary income. Further, any professional taxes deducted by your employee on your behalf can also be claimed as a deduction. It is to be noted that bike insurance does not qualify as a deduction under Chapter VI A of the Income Tax Act.
HRA can be claimed by you if you contribute to the rent paid for the premises along with your brother. It is to be ensured that the rental agreement is entered between the landlord, yourself and your brother and you are in possession of the rental receipts carrying your and your brother's names along with each person's contribution. Further you can explore the possibility of increasing your contributions in 80C related investments to save tax.
(The writer is a partner, GSS and Associates, Chartered Accountants, Chennai)

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Picking the right investment in turbulent times

A rational investment strategy paired with critical analysis and reflection can yield great returns in the coming future for the retail investor

2023 OUTLOOK

Anand Srinivasan
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With the coming of 2023, the prudent investor looks back at 2022 and critically examines it.
The investor understands the principle of hindsight bias which propels one to overstate their prediction of an event after knowing the outcome.
It is difficult to say whether most could have predicted the rising tensions on the Ukraine border culminating in an overt conflict or the impending collapse of the cryptocurrency and NFT markets with apparent precision.
Moreover, the self-attribution bias persuades investors to take credit for random chance occurrences or windfall gains from price swings.
It is still imperative to examine the past year regardless of the countless biases at play in the exercise to better understand the macroeconomic environment in the current year. When looking at the past year, one cannot ignore the laggard returns offered by the Nifty 50 index to its investors (down 3.57% from its peak on January 14, 2022, at the time of writing this piece).
When interest rates are low, equities are treated as an avenue to increase the average returns on a portfolio. It follows that in a rising interest rate regime, one cannot rely on stocks to boost one's investment returns. Moreover, the inflow of foreign capital heavily influences the Nifty 50 index. This implies that capital flees from emerging markets to developed markets when rates are raised.

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Valuation haircut
The Nifty also has multiple overpriced stocks, which bring up its valuation to above its mean, leading to an inflation in the price of the entire index. When the markets correct (due to capital flight), these securities will be the first in line to face a haircut in valuations leading to even poorer returns in the index.

Gold as hedge
The Federal Reserve has signalled a slowdown in the rate hikes made over the past year on improved inflation data. A slowdown in rate hikes signals a possible rally in gold prices due to the dollar's value not swelling as rapidly as it did previously. Moreover, gold offers a flight to safety for most in times of recession.
With the possibility of a soft-landing by the Federal Reserve thinning, gold appears to be a promising asset to consider adding more to one's portfolio. Also, India's current account deficit is at record highs foreshadowing a weaker rupee during the coming year. A weak currency paired with the threat of an economic slowdown bodes well for gold as an asset class. Gold also offers a hedge against inflation, should it pose a problem any time soon, rounding out one's portfolio.

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Additionally, any Indian stock which earns a return in the U.S. dollar is worth purchasing due to gains from the depreciation of the rupee against the dollar. The U.S. dollar offers a flight to safety for investors worldwide, making its rate hikes more beneficial to investors whose stocks earn profits in said currency. When there is a flight to safety to the U.S. dollar, weaker currencies depreciate in comparison, and the dollar rises in value.
The INR looks shaky when one examines the current account deficit paired with the rising interest rates. Thus, a company earning its revenue predominantly in dollars faces the benefit of having its profits augmented without making any additional changes to its business. The industries which earn primarily in dollars are the IT and Pharma.
They also offer services that happen to be necessities (information technology and medicine), which means that revenues do not fluctuate much, even in an economic slowdown.
The question then arises of whether to continue indexing in the Nifty 50 if the outlook for its performance looks gloomy.
The answer for the Indian investor lies in continuing to index but in the S&P 500 rather than the Nifty 50. As discussed before, the depreciation in currency leads to windfall gains for the Indian investor, who has now partially accounted for their loss in purchasing power by investing in the dollar.
Another vital advantage the Indian investor faces is that they can now invest in the MNC stocks previously inaccessible. Buying the parent company offers a better P/E ratio, dividend yield and greater returns.
The Indian investor is positioned in a unique spot to take advantage of the current economic conditions to maximise their returns throughout 2023 and the years after. A rational investment strategy paired with critical analysis and reflection can yield great returns in the coming future for the retail investor.
(Anand Srinivasan is a consultant and Sashwath Swaminathan is a research assistant at Aionion Investment Services)

Your phone is ringing!

COVERNOTE

Take the opportunity to review your insurance needs. Do the homework on what you have and what you need. When you identify the gaps, you may even benefit by taking some of the pesky calls

K. Nitya Kalyani

And ringing a lot, I would guess. SMS messages pour in, and now Whatsapp messages. All exhorting you to buy insurance.
The callers get especially aggressive in the last three months of the financial year, the JFM (January-February-March) quarter, when everyone chases targets. The other reason here is tax breaks on life and health premium. Insurance being sold on the back of tax incentives might have been warranted in a small way in the past. But the product, the market, the industry and the customer have all grown way past that. Now, it can be argued, tax incentives confuse the issue and are counter-productive in the long run.
In fact, they may just be the proverbial drop of poison in the entire insurance-buying process. The true value and purpose of the product is camouflaged and in many, many cases, disillusionment sets in leading to letting policies lapse and losing protection. Now that the calls have started here are three things you can do to take advantage of an annoyance:

Do a review
Take the opportunity to review your insurance needs. Do the homework on what you have and what you may need. When you identify the gaps, you may even benefit by taking some of those pesky calls. That brings us to point two, which is:

Pay Attention
The calls can lead you to a fund of information on new products, procedures and of course pricing, especially from competing insurers. You can call for add-on covers, exclusions and clear all your doubts about claims and cashless and all the other things that befuddle you. Now that you have information, here is point three:

Do some research
Don't make a decision based just on what you are told or offered in these calls. You now know only one or two of many options, and others may suit you better. Consider this information a starting point. And here is a corollary to the three points:

Don't rush it!
Don't get pressurised to make instant decisions. Remember, the callers are highly trained to push you into quick commitments and a premium payment, and this can be very effective especially when their target deadlines and your tax deadlines coincide! A word of caution, if you can indeed decide on the correct policy within this hyper-marketing quarter, then please buy it. It is better than no coverage!
(The writer is a business journalist specialising in insurance & corporate history)

Personal Loans

Rates and Charges		Loan amount 5 lakh Tenure 5 years	Loan amount 1 lakh Tenure 5 years	(% of loan amount)
Name of Lender	**Interest Rate (%)**	**EMI (Rs)**	**EMI (Rs)**	**Processing fee**
HDFC Bank	11.00 onwards	10,871 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to Rs 4,999
Citi Bank	10.75 onwardS	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3%
Tata Capital	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 3%
ICICI Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 2.50%
Bank of Baroda	10.60-17.95	10,772-12,683	2,154-2,537	Up to 2% (Min. Rs 1,000 and Max. Rs 10,000)
State Bank of India	10.90-15.40	10,846-12,000	2,169-2,400	NIL Up to 31.1.2023
Axis Bank	10.49 onwards	10,744 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 2%
Kotak Mahindra Bank	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 3%
Bank of India	10.10-14.60	10,648-11,790	2,130-2,358	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 5,000)
Canara Bank	12.45-16.15	11,236-12,199	2,247-2,440	Up to 1%
Punjab National Bank	10.15-16.70	10,660-12,346	2,132-2,469	Up to 1%
HSBC Bank	9.75-16.00	10,562-12,159	2,112-2,432	Up to 2%
Federal Bank	10.49-17.99	10,744-12,694	2,149-2,539	Up to 3%
Union Bank of India	11.15-15.25	10,909-11,961	2,182-2,392	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 7,500)
Bajaj Finserv	11.00 onwards	10,871 onwards	2,174 onwards	Upto 3.93%
Punjab & Sind Bank	10.90-12.50	10,846-11,249	2,169-2,250	Up to 1%
South Indian Bank	12.60-20.35	11,274-13,345	2,255-2,669	Up to 2%
UCO Bank	12.30-12.70	11,198-11,300	2,240-2,260	Up to 1%
IDFC First Bank	10.49 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3.50%
Bank of Maharashtra	9.25-15.05	10,440-11,908	2,088-2,382	Up to 1%
Karnataka Bank	13.81	11,585	2,317	Up to 0.25% (Minimum Rs 250)
IndusInd Bank	10.49 onwards	10,744 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 3%

Car Loans

Rates and Charges		Loan amount 5 lakh	(% of loan amount)
Name of Lender	**Interest Rate (%)**	**EMI (Rs)**	**Processing fee**
Union Bank of India	8.75-10.25	10,319-10,685	Up to Rs. 1,000
Bank of Baroda	8.40-11.85	10,234-11,084	Up to 0.50% (Rs 2,500 - Rs 10,000)
Canara Bank	9.15-11.85	10,416-11,084	waived off till 31st March 2023
Bank of India	8.60-10.60	10,282-10,772	NIL
UCO Bank	8.85 - 10.40	10,343-10,772	1% (Upto Rs 1,500)
State Bank of India	8.50-9.35	10,258-10,464	NIL
IDBI Bank	9.10 - 11.45	10,403-10,984	Rs 2,500
Bank of Maharashtra*	9.05-12.55	10,391-11,262	NIL
Indian Overseas Bank**	9.80	10,574	100% waiver till 31st March 2023
ICICI Bank	8.75 onwards	10,319 onwards	Rs 999-Rs 9,000
HDFC Bank	8.75 onwards	10,319 onwards	Up to 0.50% (Rs 3,500-Rs 8,000)
Karnataka Bank	9.07-11.37	10,396-10,964	Up to 0.60% (Rs 2,500-Rs 11,000)
Federal Bank	10.75	10,809	Rs 2,000 - Rs 4,500
Indian Bank	8.70-9.45	10,307-10,489	Up to 0.50% (Max. Rs 10,000)
South Indian Bank	11.40-12.85	10,971-11,338	1% (Max: Rs. 10,000)
City Union Bank	14.00-14.50	11,634-11,764	1.25% (Min: Rs 750)

**0.25% interest rate concession for existing housing loan borrowers and corporate salary account holders. 0.05% interest rate concession to women & armed forces personnel subject to minimum floor ceiling of RLLR.*
**0.50% interest rate concession to borrowers with credit scores of 800 and above. Interest rate concession of 0.20% to borrowers for financing Electric 4 Wheelers. 0.20% concession to existing Housing Loan Borrowers.
Rates and charges as on January 25 **Source: Paisabazaar.com**

BONANZA

BCCI announces ₹5 crore reward for victorious Women's U-19 squad

The BCCI secretary Jay Shah has announced a cash reward of ₹5 crore for the India women's squad following its title-winning performance at the inaugural Under-19 T20 World Cup in South Africa on Sunday. He also also invited the team watch the the third India-New Zealand T20I match in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

BRIGHT FUTURE

World Cup victory shows kind of depth India has: coach Nooshin

India has been waiting for this moment for a long time, said chief coach Nooshin Al Khadeer at Potchefstroom on Sunday. "It is a fabulous feeling. We have been waiting for very long. This is the first time we won the cup and it has come with the u-19 kids. Just shows the kind of depth we have and what is there for us in future."

CUT ABOVE THE REST

Djokovic is the greatest ever for sure, says Tsitsipas

"I've had the privilege to play a lot of difficult, high-intensity matches, but I would like to say one more time Novak brings the best out in me," said Stefanos Tsitsipas, who is still yet to win a Major. "He's the greatest that has ever held a tennis racquet, for sure."

FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS

Bavuma powers South Africa in big chase in second ODI

Temba Bavuma's 109 helped South Africa beat England by five wickets in the second ODI in Bloemfontein on Sunday.
The scores: England 342/7 in 50 overs (Jos Buttler 94 n.o. Harry Brook 80, Moeen Ali 51) lost to South Africa 347/5 in 49.1 overs (Temba Bavuma 109, David Miller 58 n.o.).

Reigning supreme: The Indian squad is joy unbound after winning the inaugural edition of the Under-19 World Cup on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

India's teenage talent scripts fantastic triumph

A superb bowling and fielding display sees England bundled out for a paltry 68 in the summit clash before the Shafali-led squad tastes glory with a facile seven-wicket win

WOMEN'S U-19 T20 WC

Press Trust of India
POTCHEFSTROOM

India claimed its maiden ICC title in women's cricket as a bunch of sprightly and talented teenagers lifted the inaugural U-19 World Cup with a seven-wicket victory over England at the Senwes Park on Sunday. After bundling out England for 68 in 17.1 overs, the Shafali Verma-led team chased down the target in 14 overs to lift the coveted trophy.

Incisive spell from Titas

While Titas Sadhu showed that Indian women's pace bowling is in safe hands, following the retirement of Jhulan Goswami, with impressive figures of 4-0-6-2, leg-spinner Parshavi continued a dream run by snapping up two for 13. Archana Devi also scalped two wickets.

Following a pep talk from Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, India came out with a specific plan and executed it perfectly as the England innings never really took off after being reduced to 16 for three in four overs.

Spectacular effort: Archana pulled off a stunning catch to send back MacDonald-Gay. TWITTER@BCCI WOMEN

Chasing 69, Shafali started with a boundary off Hannah Baker before hoisting Sophia Smale for a maximum. Baker soon dismissed he Indian captain, caught by Alexa Stonehouse in the third over.

The team's best batter in the tournament, Shweta Sehrawat, also went back earlyin the fourth over.

Soumya Tiwari (24 not out) and Gongadi Trisha (24) dug in with a 46-run stand before Trisha was dismissed with only four needed. Soumya knocked off the winning runs to trigger a celebration. Earlier, Titas, who bowled 20 dot balls, struck with the fourth ball of the innings with a super caught and bowled effort to get rid of Liberty Heap.

Spinner Archana then cleaned up Niamh Fiona Holland (10) and Gongadi Trisha pulled off a sensational catch to get rid of Grace Scrivens (4) to hand Archana her second wicket. Titas could have had another wicket, but wicketkeeper Richa dropped a regulation catch from Ryana MacDonald-Gay.

The Bengal pacer, however, didn't have to wait long as she went through the gates of Seren Smale.

Parshavi then trapped Chris Pavely to leave England struggling at 39 for five in 10 overs before removing MacDonald-Gay, with Archana taking a diving one-handed catch at extra cover.

India's exemplary fielding continued as Soumya's direct hit found Josephine Groves short before Richa stumped Hannah Baker. After Mannat Kashyap dismissed Alexa Stonehouse, Sonam Yadav ended England's misery by catching Smale off her own bowling.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND
Grace Scrivens c Trisha b Archana 4 *(12b)*, Liberty Heap c & b Titas 0 *(2b)*, Niamh Holland b Archana 10 *(8b, 2x4)*, Seren Smale b Titas 3 *(9b)*, Ryana MacDonald-Gay c Archana b Parshavi 19 *(24b, 3x4)*, Charis Pavely lbw b Parshavi 2 *(9b)*, Alexa Stonehouse c Sonam b Mannat 11 *(25b, 1x4)*, Josie Groves run out 4 *(5b)*, Hannah Baker st. Richa b Shafali 0 *(1b)*, Sophia Smale c & b Sonam 11 *(7b, 2x4)*, Ellie Anderson (not out) 0 *(2b)*; Extras (w-3, nb-1): 4; Total (in 17.1 overs): 68.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-1 (Heap, 0.4 overs), 2-15 (Holland, 3.3), 3-16 (Scrivens, 3.6), 4-22 (Smale, 6.2), 5-39 (Pavely, 9.6), 6-43 (MacDonald-Gay, 11.1), 7-53 (Groves, 13.5), 8-53 (Baker, 14.1), 9-68 (Stonehouse, 16.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Titas 4-0-6-2, Archana 3-0-17-2, Parshavi 4-0-13-2, Mannat 3-0-13-1, Shafali 2-0-16-1, Sonam 1.1-0-3-1.

INDIA
Shafali Verma c Stonehouse b Baker 15 *(11b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Shweta Sehrawat c Baker b Scrivens 5 *(6b, 1x4)*, Soumya Tiwari (not out) 24 *(37b, 3x4)*, Gongadi Trisha b Stonehouse 24 *(29b, 3x4)*, Hrishita Basu (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (w-1): 1; Total (for three wkts. in 14 overs): 69.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-16 (Shafali, 2.1), 2-20 (Shweta, 3.4), 3-66 (Trisha, 12.5).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Baker 4-1-13-1, Smale 2-0-16-0, Scrivens 3-0-13-1, Groves 2-0-9-0, Stonehouse 2-0-8-1, Anderson 1-0-10-0.

Toss: India.
PoM: Titas; **PoS:** Scrivens.
India won by seven wickets with six overs to spare.

Saluting the champions

This is a great stepping stone for the girls to take their game to a higher level.
SOURAV GANGULY

That the young players weren't overawed by the big occasion speaks volumes about their steely character and temperament
JAY SHAH

Many congratulations to the players for a fabulous campaign. Ahead of the WPL, a huge shot in the arm for women's cricket in India
V.V.S. LAXMAN

Congratulations TeamIndia, this is a monumental achievement! Cherish every moment!
MITHALI RAJ

India winning the inaugural T20 World Cup... that rings a bell!
DINESH KARTHIK

All of you have made India proud with this remarkable achievement
RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE

Hearty congratulations for a spectacular win. **KIREN RIJIJU**

Djokovic back on top of the world, level with Nadal after Perfect 10 down under

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

An emotional Novak Djokovic beat Stefanos Tsitsipas on Sunday to claim a 10th Australian Open title and equal Rafael Nadal's 22 Grand Slam crowns, a victory that returned him to World No. 1.

The Serbian star overcame a hamstring injury and off-court drama on his return to Melbourne Park to sweep past the Greek third seed 6-3, 7-6(4), 7-6(5) on Rod Laver Arena.

He surged to victory without father Srdjan in the stands after he sparked controversy by posing with a fan carrying a Russian flag featuring Vladimir Putin's face following his son's quarterfinal win.

In tears

Djokovic climbed into his player's box after the win to embrace his mother and broke down in uncontrollable tears, collapsing to the floor sobbing.

The King is back! Djokovic extended his reign at Melbourne Park, making it 10 of 10 in finals here. AP

It capped a remarkable comeback by the 35-year-old fourth seed, who missed last year's tournament when he was deported over his Covid vaccination stance. After a three-year ban from Australia was lifted, Djokovic won the lead-up Adelaide International. The emphatic win drew him level with Nadal on a record 22 Slams, two clear of Roger Federer.

Nadal made a shock second-round exit with a hip injury, but is targeting a return for the clay-court season and another crack at the French Open, and with it a 23rd Slam title.

Moving freely with only minimal strapping on his troublesome left hamstring, he opened with a comfortable hold after being greeted by huge cheers. D

jokovic worked two break-points on Tsitsipas' opening serve, to no avail, but kept probing and the Greek handed him a break for 3-1 with a careless double fault.

Tsitsipas appeared nervous, losing the first set in just 36 minutes. But he battled back into contention in a much closer second set, improving his serve and winning some pressure points.

But the Serb clung on to keep the set on serve and it went to a tiebreak, where his greater experience came to the fore.

Against the odds, Tsitsipas broke for the first time on Djokovic's opening serve in set three, only to relinquish the advantage immediately after a gripping rally. It again went to a tiebreak, where Djokovic once again raised a level to claim another title.

The day in numbers

93 Novak Djokovic won his 93rd career ATP title, becoming the fourth men's player with the most titles (surpassing Rafael Nadal's 92). Only Connors (109), Federer (103) and Lendl (94) are ahead.

22 The Serb pulled level with Rafael Nadal for the most men's singles Grand Slam titles

89 Djokovic has 89 main draw wins at the Australian Open, equalling Roger Federer (89 at the U.S. Open) as the fifth man with the joint-most wins at a Slam (Open era)

3 At 35 years 252 days, Djokovic is the third oldest to emerge champion at the Australian Open, younger only than Ken Rosewall (who won in 1971 at the age of 36y 73d and in 1972 aged 37y 72d) and Roger Federer (in 2018 aged 36y 173d)

10 Djokovic is the second man to stay unbeaten in his first 10 finals at an ATP tournament after Nadal (Roland Garros and Barcelona Open)

15 The Serbian is the second male player to win a Grand Slam title 15-plus years after his first (Australian Open 2008). Nadal holds the record of 17 (Roland Garros 2005 and 2022).

374 Djokovic will begin his 374th week as the World No. 1, extending his record for most weeks as the men's World No. 1

28 Djokovic registered a record 28th consecutive win at the Australian Open.

All records pertain to the Open era

Compiled by **Nihit Sachdeva**

Congratulations on a 10th Australian Open title Novak Djokovic, 35 and at the peak of your powers. You've been as relentless as I've seen you these past two weeks. It was a privilege to watch such a superb final against your young rival Stefanos Tsitsipas. Bravo to you both!
ROD LAVER

Congratulations for the Australian Open title and the World No. 1 ranking. Very well deserved! Hope to see you soon on court!
CARLOS ALCARAZ

You are truly an inspiration
ONS JABEUR

He will get to 28 Slams easy
NICK KYRGIOS

What a CHAMPION!!!
JUAN MARTIN DEL POTRO

Too good Novak
ALEX DE MINAUR

INBRIEF

Russia's Beterbiev retains light-heavyweight World titles

Russia's Artur Beterbiev retained his World light-heavyweight titles with an eighth-round stoppage of Britain's Anthony Yarde in London on Saturday. Beterbiev, the holder of the WBO, WBC and IBF belts, proved too strong for 31-year-old Yarde at the Wembley Arena. The Montreal-based Russian is now undefeated in 19 fights. Yarde was ahead on two of the three judges' cards when he was put on the canvas in the eighth round.

Sports Ministry's KIYG mobile app launched

The Sports Ministry has launched a mobile application for the athletes taking part in the upcoming Khelo India Youth Games. The app will allow access to all information about the Games, on a click of a button. The app gives an athlete a chance to check if his or her verified documents have been uploaded, before the start of the Games.

Leicester agrees short-term deal for Tete

Leicester has bolstered its attacking options for a Premier League survival fight with the signing of Brazilian under-23 international Tete until the end of the season. The 22-year-old is contracted to Shakhtar Donetsk, but has been at Lyon since March 2022 under the FIFA ruling which allowed all foreign players to suspend their contracts in Ukraine following Russia's invasion. As it stands, he is due to return to Shakhtar on July 1.

Darshan sparkles for Karnataka Forest Dept.

D.S. Darshan scored four times as Karnataka Forest Department beat HMT 7-2 in the KSHA A-division hockey league here on Saturday.

The results: Karnataka Forest Department 7 (Mithun Bijwad 12, D.S. Darshan 16, 29, 42, 52, Nagaraj 46, K.A. Naveen 54) bt HMT 2 (Karthik 14, Mosin 48); Young Star HC, Raichur 4 (Babu 23, 32, 48, Deepak 48) bt Guru HC 2 (Vishnu 10, Jaswanth Kumar 44).

LIVE TELECAST

KIYG 2023: Opening ceremony, Star Sports 3, DD Sports & Hotstar, 6 p.m. onwards

Women's T20I tri-series: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 7 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Tuesday)

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

Sai Sanjay wins title in premier MRF Formula 2000 category

Sohil Shah, winner of Race-1 on Saturday, wins both the races on Sunday to complete a triple, finishes fourth in the championship

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

On a day of twists and turns, Salem's Sai Sanjay pocketed the title in the premier MRF Formula 2000 category as the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2022 concluded at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) here on Sunday.

While Sai Sanjay gathered enough points this weekend in the three races to seal the championship, Bengaluru's Sohil Shah, winner of Race-1 on Saturday, won both the races today to complete a triple.

The 21-year-old Sohil, who missed two of the four rounds, finished fourth in the championship behind Sai Sanjay, Ryan Mohamed (Chennai) and Divy Nandan (Gurugram).

On the podium: Championship winners Viswas (Formula LGB 1300), Pratik (VW Polo Cup)and Sai Sanjay (MRF F2000). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results (provisional, 10 laps unless mentioned):

MRF F2000 (Race-2): 1. Sohil Shah 15.36.462s; 2. Mohamed Ryan 15.40.983; 3. Dillon Thomas Zachariah 15.42.064.

Race-3 (8 laps): 1. Sohil Shah 12.28.545; 2. T. Sai Sanjay 12.33.894; 3. Chetan Korada 12.52.777.

Indian Touring Cars (Race-2, 12 laps): 1. Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) 25.00.290; 2. Sandeep Kumar (Rayo Racing) 25.08.270; 3. Jeet Jabakh (Rayo Racing) 25.11.802.

Race-3: 1. Arjun Narendran (Arka Motorsports) 18.58.937; 2. Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) 19.12.399; 3. Sandeep Kumar (Rayo Racing) 19.14.297.

Indian Junior Touring Cars (Race-1, 12 laps): 1. Raja Rajan (Performance Racing) 25.27.541; 2. Akkineni Anand Prasad (Performance Racing) 25.27.700; 3. Deepak Ravikumar (Performance Racing) 25.27.997.

Race-3: 1. Raja Rajan (Performance Racing) 19.36.876; 2. Gurunath Meiyappan (Race Concepts) 19.38.441; 3. Akkineni Anand Prasad (Performance Racing) 19.40.541.

Super Stock (Race-2, 12 laps): 1. S. Narendran (Redline Racing) 26.19.871; 2. Ritesh Rai (Performance Racing) 26.23.033; 3. Jason Deepak Saldanha (DB Motorsports) 26.28.874.

Race-3 (9 laps): 1. Ritesh Rai (Performance Racing) 19.01.675; 2. S. Narendran (Redline Racing) 19.07.807; 3. T.S. Dilijith (DTS Racing) 19.12.675.

Formula LGB 1300 (Race-2, 10 laps): 1. Tijil Rao (Momentum Motorsports) 20.10.154; 2. Viswas Vijayraj (DTS Racing) 20.10.291; 3. Dhruvh A. Goswami (MSport) 20.10.865.

Volkswagen Polo Cup (Race-3, 8 laps): 1. Ritesh Rai 15.50.470; 2. Pratik Sonawane 15.54.571; 3. Raaj Bakhru 15.57.079.

Sohil Shah.

Race-4: 1. Ojas Surve 19.42.853; 2. Avik Anwar 19.49.034; 3. Pratik Sonawane 19.52.460.

MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios, Race-2): 1. Zahan Commissariat 20.49.191; 2. Angad Mathroo 20.53.991; 3. Diana Pundole 20.54.112.

Pragg holds Carlsen, ends his hopes of retaining title

Sports Bureau

R. Praggnanandhaa gave nothing away and held defending champion Magnus Carlsen to a 67-move draw in the 12th and penultimate round of the Masters section of the Tata Steel chess championship in Wijk aan Zee, near Amsterdam, on Saturday.

The draw with the struggling Indian youngster effectively ended Carlsen's chances of retaining the title. Ahead of the final round, Carlsen (7) shared the third spot behind leader Nodirbek Abdusattorov (8) and Anish Giri (7.5).

In the challengers section, B. Adhiban posted his third win in the five rounds to stay in the joint-fourth spot. However, R. Vaishali lost to Max Warmerdam.

The results (12th round):

Masters: Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 7) drew with R. Praggnanandhaa (5.5); D. Gukesh (5) drew with Levon Aronian (USA, 6); Parham Maghsoodloo (Iri, 6) bt Arjun Erigaisi (4); Wesley So (USA, 7) drew with Abdusattorov (Uzb, 8); Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 5) drew with Anish Giri (Ned, 7.5); Fabiano Caruana (USA, 6.5) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 4.5); Richard Rapport (Rom, 6.5) bt Ding Liren (Chn, 5).

Challengers: Erwin L'Ami (Ned, 5.5) lost to B. Adhiban (7); Max Warmerdam (Ned, 6) bt R. Vaishali (4.5); Thomas Beerdsen (Ned, 6) lost to Alexander Donchenko (Ger, 9); Mustafa Yilmaz (Tur, 8) drew with Luis Supi (Bra, 6); Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 6.5) drew with Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 7.5); Velimir Ivic (Srb, 7) bt Eline Roebers (Ned, 3); Abhimanyu Mishra (USA, 5) bt Jergus Pechac (Svk, 3).

India-SA match abandoned due to rain

Press Trust of India
EAST LONDON (S. AFRICA)

India's match against South Africa ahead of their Women's T20I Tri-Series summit clash was abandoned following heavy showers here on Saturday.

Having already sealed their berth in Thursday's final, this match was a dress rehearsal for the teams. But, with India four for no loss after two overs, the match had to be stopped due to rain.

Unbeaten after three matches, India will face West Indies in the final league match here on Monday.

Mendigutxia nets Gokulam's winner

I-LEAGUE

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOZHIKODE

Gokulam Kerala expectedly got the full points against Kenkre FC in the I-League on Sunday alright, but it wasn't a performance quite worthy of a defending champion. Sergio Mendigutxia scored the game's only goal in the 21st minute.

The Mumbai side, still in second place from the bottom, with some luck and better finishing skills could easily have drawn the match. Kenkre, in fact, created more chances than the host in the second half.

For much of the second half, Gokulam had to play with 10 men, after Rahul Raju was sent off.

Gokulam's goal was set up by Vikas Singh Saini, who sent in a superb cross from near the right corner fag. It was met with a brilliant header by Mendigutxia, not too far from the goalline.

Mendigutxia's addition has added the much-needed sharpness up front for Gokulam, but a lot still needs to be done. From 13 games, Gokulam has just scored 12 goals.

The results: Gokulam Kerala (Sergio Mendigutxia 21) 1 bt Kenkre FC 0

In Hyderabad: Sreenidi Deccan FC 3 (Faysal Shayesteh, David Castaneda, Rosenberg Gabriel) bt NEROCA FC 2 (Michael Kporvi, Jourdain Fletcher).

Kerala Blasters returns to winning ways

ISL-9

M.R. Praveen Chandran
KOCHI

Kerala Blasters regained its winning touch at home with a 2-0 win over a disappointing NorthEast United in the Indian Super League match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Sunday.

After a frustrating period of missed chances in the first half, Blasters' Greek striker Dimitrios Diamantakos struck twice within two minutes to snuff out the challenge from NorthEast United.

Diamantakos, who had missed a few gilt edged chances himself, finally found the net when he headed in a cross from Bryce Miranda in the 42nd minute. Two minutes later a succulent overhead pass from Adrian Luna sent Dimantakos clear and the striker had enough time to beat goalkeeper Gurjinder Kumar with a left footed shot.

Unstoppable: Kerala Blasters Diamantakos Dimitrios scores his second goal against North East FC. THULASI KAKKAT

Kerala Blasters coach Ivan Vukomanovic made four changes in the team that played against FC Goa and it seemed to work when the Kochi side dominated possession and created chances early.

Miranda sparked moves from the left flank but Blasters strikers were profligate. The first attempt from the Blasters came in the opening minute when Miranda threaded a cross for Diamantakos whose shot was saved by NorthEast goalkeeper Gurjinder.

The NorthEast defence failed to rein in Miranda who roamed freely on the left and in the 14th minute Apostolos Giannou shot out after being put in position by the midfielder.

There was no respite for the NorthEast defence as in the 17th minute, the hard working K.P. Rahul bored his way into the box from the right and crossed but the ball missed the extended legs of Luna and Diamantakos.

In the 29th minute Luna missed the easiest of the chances when he shot out from close to waste another good ball from Miranda.

The NorthEast side was poor and managed only one shot at the rival goal.

The result: Kerala Blasters 2 (Dimitrios Diamantakos 42, 44) bt NorthEast United 0.

Salento lives up to his billing in the Wolf777 Golconda Derby Stakes

HYDERABAD: Trainer Arjun Manglorkar's champion colt Salento, piloted by Antony Raj S, won the Wolf777 Golconda Derby Stakes (Gr.1), the stellar attraction of Sunday's (Jan. 29) races. The winner is owned by Mr. Arun Alagappan rep. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP, Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta & Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal.

Antony Raj had kept the son of Speaking Of Which and Peninsula in sixth position till the bend and when the field entered the home straight, Salento quickly assumed command at 400m and surged ahead to take the honours in this mega event from Dyf and Kancha.

Rewarding a champion: The owners of Salento — Rajan Aggarwal, Joydeep Datta Gupta, Anoushka Aggarwal, Rajendran and Arun Alagappan — receiving the winner's trophy, following the victory in the Wolf777 Golconda Derby Stakes, from HRC chairman R. Surender Reddy and in the presence of steward P.S. Reddy. G. RAMAKRISHNA

1. MADRAS RACE CLUB CUP (DIV. I): UNSUNG HERO (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Maximum Glamour(D.S. Deora) 2, The Thunder (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Top Diamond (Kuldeep S) 4. Hd, Nk and 2-1/2. 1m, 12.71s. ₹62 (w), 15, 12 and 11 (p). SHP: 27, THP: 49, SHW: 35 and 14 (p). FP: 178, Q: 66, Tanala: 272. Favourite: Maximum Glamour. Owner: Mr. Syed Abul Hasan Razvi. Trainer: N. Rawal.

2. ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP: TRUTH (Imran Chisty) 1, Encore (Akshay Kumar) 2, Caraxes (Mukesh Kumar) 3 and Australia (Kiran Naidu) 4. Not run: Only The Brave. 1-1/4, 1/2 and 4. 1m, 28.40s. ₹28 (w), 10, 12 and 33 (p). SHP: 31, THP: 78, SHW: 15 and 17, FP: 121, Q: 58, Tanala: 1,184. Favourite: Happy Soul. Owner: Mr. N.V. Rohin Kumar. Trainer: S. Sreekant.

NOTE: *Happy Soul jumped out awkwardly from the starting stalls and dislodged the rider P. Trevor who escaped unhurt.*

3. MADRAS RACE CLUB CUP (DIV. I): CARLISLE (S. Saqlain) 1, Beauty Blaze (P. Trevor) 2, Doe A Deer (Imran Chisty) 3 and Bellaque (D.S. Deora) 4. 1, 2 and 1/2. 1m, 12.72s. ₹59 (w), 16, 10 and 15 (p). SHP: 58, THP: 44, SHW: 15 and 13, FP: 212, Q: 36, Tanala: 472. Favourite: Beauty Blaze. Owners: Mr. Ayyadevara Srinivas & Mr. Bharat Venkat Epur. Trainer: L. D'Silva.

4. BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP: PAL CHA (Gaurav Singh) 1, Clefairy (Santosh Raj) 2, China Town (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and N R I Fantasy (Antony Raj S) 4. 2, 3-1/4 and 1-1/4. 1m, 26.61s: ₹35 (w), 17, 19 and 47 (p). SHP: 58, THP: 115, SHW: 22 and 46, FP: 221, Q: 148, Tanala: 3,617. Favourite: Wandring Warrior. Owner: Mr. Praveen Kumar Katakam. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

5. TURF AUTHORITIES OF INDIA CUP: AKIDO (Akshay Kumar) 1, Mark My Day (Nakhat Singh) 2, General Atlantic (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Kesariya Balam (Antony Raj) 4. Nose, 2 and Hd. 1m, 40.94s. ₹41 (w), 12, 23 and 17 (p). SHP: 124, THP: 42, SHW: 16 and 88, FP: 684, Q: 398, Tanala: 4,742. Favourite: Ballerina. Owner: Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

6. MYSORE RACE CLUB CUP: UNMATCHED (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Sopranos (Akshay Kumar) 2, Ok Boss (Srinath) 3 and Fatuma (Gaurav Singh) 4. Not run: Royal Star. 1/2, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2. 1m, 12.77s. ₹73 (w), 22, 14 and 26 (p). SHP: 38, THP: 82, SHW: 32 and 18, FP: 216, Q: 71, Tanala: 1,502. Favourite: Sopranos. Owner: Col. K.S. Garcha. Trainer: Raza Shehzad.

7. ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB CUP: CANDY GIRL (B. Nikhil) 1, Fly Tothe Stars (Ashad Asbar) 2, Path Of Peace (Trevor) 3 and Just Incredible (Imran Chisty) 4. Nk, 1-1/4 and Shd. 1m, 53.05s. ₹158 (w), 41, 25 and 13 (p). SHP: 56, THP: 79, SHW: 63 and 46, FP: 947, Q: 590, Tanala: 2,487. Favourite: Path Of Peace. Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

8. WOLF777 GOLCONDA DERBY STAKES (GR.1): SALENTO (SPEAKING OF WHICH-PENINSULA) (ANTONY RAJ S) 1, Dyf (Cougar Mountain-Soak) (P. Trevor) 2, Kancha (Planetaire- Courtship) (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Hoping Cloud (Saamidd-Kalinda Snow) (Mohit Singh) 4. 2, 3/4 and 2-3/4. 2m, 29.99s. ₹: 24 (w), 12, 13 and 18 (p). SHP: 32, THP: 57, SHW: 15 and 15, FP: 60, Q: 25, Tanala: 262. Favourite: Salento. Owners: Mr. Arun Alagappan rep. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP, Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta & Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal. Trainer: Arjun Manglorkar.

9. DELHI RACE CLUB CUP: DAS (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Wot's Up Jay (Gaurav Singh) 2, Good Tidings (Srinath) 3 and Samrat (Mohit Singh) 4. 2, Nk and 3/4. 1m, 27.73s. ₹18 (w), 14, 36 and 13 (p). SHP: 88, THP: 43, SHW: 14 and 98, FP: 188, Q: 187, Tanala: 626. Favourite: Das. Owners: Mr. B.M. Dayananda & Mr. Sriram Uppaluri. Trainer: Anant Vatsalya.

Jackpot: (i) 70%: ₹1,56,541 (1 tkt.) & 30%: 8,386 (8 tkts.); (ii) 70%: 36,169 (27 tkts.) & 30%: 5,979 (70 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 2,327 (12 tkts.), (ii) 3,493 (36 tkts.), (iii) 1,415 (98 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 22,922 (12 tkts.), (ii) 9,221 (16 tkts.).

Reigning Beauty for the feature event

HYDERABAD: Trainer L. D'Silva's Reigning Beauty should score over rivals in the upper division of the Wolf777 Plate, the main event of Monday's (Jan. 30) races.

1 GENTLEMANS DEAL PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.15 p.m.: 1. Pinatubo (9) P. Sai Kumar 60, 2. Protocol (3) Ajay Kumar 57.5, 3. My Master (1) Aneel 56.5, 4. Urgent (7) Rafique Sk. 56.5, 5. Varenna (4) A. Sandesh 56.5, 6. Fresh Hope (8) Shivansh 55.5, 7. Classical Music (2) Gaurav Singh 55, 8. Saint Emilion (6) Akshay Kumar 54.5 and 9. Ilango (5) G. Naresh 54.

1. VARENNA,
2. SAINT EMILION,
3. FRESH HOPE

2 WOLF777 PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only, 1.45: 1. Colt Pistol (2) G. Naresh 56, 2. Great Combo (3) Aneel 56, 3. Alcahol Free (5) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 4. Bold Beauty (8) Santosh Raj 54.5, 5. Moon Walk (6) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 6. Proud Girl (1) Mohit Singh 54.5, 7. Reigning Beauty (4) A. Sandesh 54.5 and 8. Taaliyah (7) Rafique Sk. 54.5.

1. REIGNING BEAUTY,
2. BOLD BEAUTY,
3. PROUD GIRL

3 ASTANA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.15: 1. Mr. Perfect (1) Mohit Singh 60, 2. Picture Me (7) A.A. Vikrant 59.5, 3. Golden Forza (8) Kuldeep S 58, 4. Ashwa Shirwal (9) G. Naresh 57, 5. High Reward (5) Md. Ekram Alam 55.5, 6. Deccan Ranger (2) Santosh Raj 54.5, 7. Euphoria (6) B. Nikhil 53, 8. Inderdhanush (3) Md. Ismail 51.5 and 9. Track Blazer (4) Gaurav Singh 50.5.

1. HIGH REWARD, PICTURE ME,
3. DECCAN RANGER

4 WOLF777 PLATE (DIV. II) (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 2.45: 1. Commanding Knight (3) Santosh Raj 56, 2. MN's Council (4) Aneel 56, 3. Barchetta (1) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 4. Fara (2) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 5. Nkalanzinzi (5) Surya Prakash 54.5, 6. Queen Empress (8) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 7. Santa Barbara (6) S. Saqlain 54.5 and 8. Warwick (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54.5.

1. QUEEN EMPRESS,
2. WARWICK, 3. FARA

5 FIRE ARCH PLATE (1,400m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.15: 1. City Of Blessing (1) Mukesh Kumar 60.5, 2. Show Me Your Walk (7) Ajay Kumar 56, 3. Char Ek Char (5) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 4. Painted Apache (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 5. Star Babe (6) Gaurav Singh 54, 6. Angel Tesoro (4) G. Naresh 53.5, 7. Southern Act (8) Md. Ismail 53.5 and 8. Indian King (3) B. Nikhil 50.

1. CHAR EK CHAR,
2. PAINTED APACHE,
3. ANGEL TESORO

6 ASTANA PLATE (DIV. II) (1,100m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.45: 1. Sally (8) Shivansh 60, 2. Vision Of Rose (7) Sonu Kumar 59.5, 3. Stoic Hero (9) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56, 4. Divine Connection (5) Md. Ekram Alam 55.5, 5. Nucleus (3) Mohit Singh 55.5, 6. Happy Go Lucky (1) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 7. Arba Wahed Arba (2) S. Saqlain 52.5, 8. Sound Echo (4) Kuldeep S 52 and 9. Chenab (6) Surya Prakash 51.

1. SALLY, 2. STOIC HERO,
3. VISION OF ROSE

7 ASMANGADH FORT PLATE (1,400m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 4.15: 1. Creative Art (8) Santosh Raj 62, 2. Jack Daniel (3) Gaurav Singh 62, 3. My Grandeur (10) B. Nikhil 62, 4. Shubhrak (7) Mukesh Kumar 62, 5. Special Effort (6) M. Madhu Babu 62, 6. Black Opal (5) A.A. Vikrant 61.5, 7. Good Tidings (2) Mohit Singh 61, 8. Life Is Good (1) Md. Ismail 61, 9. Silver Lining (13) S. Saqlain 60, 10. Honourable Lady (4) Kiran Naidu 59.5, 11. Good Day (11) Surya Prakash 59, 12. Raniji (9) Rafique Sk. 57.5 and 13. Ar Superior (12) P. Sai Kumar 55.

1. SILVER LINING,
2. BLACK OPAL,
3. GOOD TIDINGS

8 GENTLEMANS DEAL PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.45: 1. Plethora (7) Nakhat Singh 60, 2. Black Eagle (4) A. Sandesh 58, 3. Gaugain (1) Santosh Raj 58, 4. Life's Living (2) Sonu Kumar 57.5, 5. Divine Destiny (5) Surya Prakash 57, 6. Pancho (8) Ajay Kumar 57, 7. Eastern Blaze (6) Shivansh 56, 8. Exclusive Luck (9) Md. Ismail 56 and 9. N R I Angel (3) G. Naresh 56.

1. PANCHO,
2. LIFE'S LIVING,
3. BLACK EAGLE

9 BLUE ICE PLATE (1,200m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 5.15: 1. Blast In Class (9) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Gusty Note (4) Sonu Kumar 60, 3. N R I Majestic (10) Rafique Sk. 60, 4. Nishaan (3) Mohit Singh 60, 5. Sorry Darling (6) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 6. Sweet Melody (7) Aneel 57, 7. Dream Jewel (8) Gaurav Singh 55, 8. Ella Eldingar (5) Kuldeep S 55, 9. Alina (2) G. Naresh 53.5 and 10. It's My Life (1) B. Nikhil 51.5.

1. GUSTY NOTE,
2. IT'S MY LIFE,
3. BLAST IN CLASS

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Tanala: All races.

Anirudh-Arjun duo loses doubles final

INDIANS ABROAD

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Unseeded duo of Anirudh Chandrasekar and Arjun Kadhe were beaten 6-2, 6-4 by the top seeds Sadio Doumbia and Fabien Reboul of France in the doubles final of the €145,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Quimper, France, on Sunday.

In the $15,000 ITF men's event final in Jakarta, Sidharth Rawat went down fighting in the third set tie-beak against Nicholas David Ionel of Romania, missing four match points.

The results:

€145,000 Challenger, Quimper, France

Doubles (final): Sadio Doumbia & Fabien Reboul (Fra) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Arjun Kadhe 6-2, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Jakarta, Indonesia

Singles (final): Nicholas David Ionel (Rou) bt Sidharth Rawat 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(9).

Germany dethrones Belgium, wins third title

The team prevails in the shootouts for the second time in three games; Peillat becomes the first player to win an Olympic gold and World Cup with two different countries

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

Grit and determination: The Germans proved that they are mentally the toughest in world hockey today. K.R. DEEPAK

Germany rode its momentum and belief, prevailing in the shootouts for the second time in three games on Sunday, lifting its third world title here with a 5-4 win in sudden death against defending champion Belgium after the teams were tied 3-3 in regulation time.

Having finished out of the medal bracket last time around, this was a German side that came through the hard way and proved itself as perhaps mentally the toughest side in world hockey today.

The previous meeting between the sides in the pool stage had ended in a draw and there was no separating them in the last match of the World Cup as well with the sides dominating a half each. Germany took time to come into the game but once it did, the Belgians found little time or space to breathe.

Creating space

As it did in the quarters and semifinal, it was a recharged Germany in the second half, upping the pace and opening spaces through the middle, shifting from its runs down the flanks in the first.

It worked and Germany's sixth penalty corner of the match in the 41st minute saw Gonzalo Peillat sounding the board to level. Peillat, in fact, earned the unique distinction of becoming the first player to win the Olympics and the World Cup with two separate teams.

Seven minutes later, captain Mats Grambusch put Germany ahead before Tom Boon did a Germany to the Germans and scored with less than two minutes to go and take the game into shootout.

The first 30 minutes, though, were all about Belgium. Despite three penalty corners, Germany barely got a shot at goal.

The Belgians dominated both possession and proceedings and even a penalty stroke in the 20th minute was thwarted, Vincent Vanasch getting a stick to the ball.

Wave after wave of Belgian attack paid off when Antoine Kina sent a long pass right through the centre of the field in the 10th minute, which Florent van Aubel slapped into the net from top of the circle.

A minute later, Kina was again in the mix, sending an acute pass beating goalkeeper Alexander Stadler and a defender for Tanguy Cosyns to tap in the softest of deflections.

Bronze for Netherlands

Earlier in the day, Netherlands halted Australia's medal run in World Cups with a comfortable 3-1 win in the bronze medal playoff. Australia never looked comfortable despite an early lead and the Dutch took control, scoring thrice in a period of seven minutes in the third quarter to seal the deal.

This is the first time in six editions that Australia will return empty-handed from the competition, the last time being in 1998.

The results: Final: Germany 3 (Niklas Wellen, Gonzalo Peillat, Mats Grambusch) drew with Belgium 3 (Florent van Aubel, Tanguy Cosyns, Tom Boon). Germany won 5-4 in shootout. **Third play-off:** Netherlands 3 (Thierry Brinkman 2, Jip Janssen) bt Australia 1 (Jeremy Hayward). **Awards: Fairplay Trophy:** Belgium; **Maximum goals scored:** Netherlands; **Best team goal celebration:** Korea; **Fans' choice award:** Germany; **Best Junior Player:** Mustapha Cassiem (South Africa); **Top scorer:** Jeremy Hayward (Australia); **Best goalkeeper:** Vincent Vanasch (Belgium); **Best defender:** Jeremy Hayward; **Best midfielder:** Victor Wegnez (Belgium); **Best forward and Player of the tournament:** Niklas Wellen (Germany).

Bowlers hold sway as India scrapes past Kiwis to take series to decider

NZ IN INDIA

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LUCKNOW

Timber! Reverse sweep spells Allen's doom in Chahal's first over. V.V. KRISHNAN

India huffed and puffed its way to a last gasp six-wicket win over New Zealand in the second T20I here on Sunday. The win helped India level the three-match series 1-1.

On a pitch which assisted spinners, batters from both teams found the going tough. New Zealand elected to bat, and stuttered to 99 for eight. With the required rate never a concern, India was happy to knock it around and take it slow in the chase.

Things got unexpectedly tight, with India needing 13 runs in two overs. Captain Hardik Pandya eased the pressure by flicking Lockie Ferguson for four in the fifth ball of the 19th over. Blair Ticker then took the ball, hoping to defend six runs in the last over. The speedster conceded just three runs in his first four deliveries, before Suryakumar's flat-batted smack over mid-off took India over the line.

Struggle

Opener Ishan Kishan, struggling for form, crawled to a 32-ball 19. Shubman Gill (11) and Rahul Tripathi (13) struggled to get going as well. Suryakumar (26 n.o., 31b, 1x4) was forced to curb his natural attacking instincts, taking on the role of anchor.

The Indian bowlers stuck to the basics, keeping a good length and not giving any loose balls. There was no intent from the New Zealand batters, who kicked the can down the road.

When the Kiwis did decide to break the shackles, they took only one route - the reverse-sweep. This shot led to the demise of first three wickets – Finn Allen (11), Devon Conway (11), and Glenn Phillips (5).

Daryl Mitchell, who starred in the first outing with an unbeaten 59, was foxed by a Kuldeep Yadav beauty. Bowling from the over the wicket, the left-arm wrist spinner got one to land outside off and spin viciously. Mitchell's weak defence was breached, and the off-stump pegged back.

India was content to give four spinners – Washington Sundar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Deepak Hooda and Kuldeep – the bulk of the overs. They got a wicket each, and kept the run-rate low. Fast bowler Arshdeep Singh was introduced into the attack only in the 18th over. Arshdeep did his part by scalping Ish Sodhi and Lockie Ferguson with bouncers.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND
Finn Allen b Chahal 11 *(10b, 2x4)*, Devon Conway c Kishan b Washington 11 *(14b, 1x4)*, Mark Chapman run out 14 *(21b)*, Glenn Phillips b Hooda 5 *(10b)*, Daryl Mitchell b Kuldeep 8 *(13b, 1x4)*, Michael Bracewell c Arshdeep b Hardik 14 *(22b)*, Mitchell Santner (not out) 19 *(23b, 1x4)*, Ish Sodhi c Hardik b Arshdeep 1 *(2b)*, Lockie Ferguson c Washington b Arshdeep 0 *(2b)*, Jacob Duffy (not out) 6 *(3b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-9): 10; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 99.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-21 (Allen, 3.3 overs), 2-28 (Conway, 4.4), 3-35 (Phillips, 6.5), 4-48 (Mitchell, 9.6), 5-60 (Chapman, 12.4), 6-80 (Bracewell, 16.6), 7-83 (Sodhi, 17.4), 8-83 (Ferguson, 17.6).

INDIA BOWLING
Hardik 4-0-25-1, Washington 3-0-17-1, Chahal 2-1-4-1, Hooda 4-0-17-1, Kuldeep 4-0-17-1, Arshdeep 2-0-7-2, Mavi 1-0-11-0.

INDIA
Shubman Gill c Allen b Bracewell 11 *(9b, 2x4)*, Ishan Kishan run out 19 *(32b, 2x4)*, Rahul Tripathi c Phillips b Sodhi 13 *(18b, 1x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 26 *(31b, 1x4)*, Washington Sundar run out 10 *(9b, 1x4)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 15 *(20b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-6): 7; Total (for four wkts. in 19.5 overs): 101.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-17 (Gill, 3.5), 2-46 (Kishan, 8.5), 3-50 (Tripathi, 10.4), 4-70 (Washington, 14.3).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING
Duffy 1-0-8-0, Bracewell 4-0-13-1, Santner 4-0-20-0, Phillips 4-0-17-0, Sodhi 4-0-24-1, Chapman 1-0-4-0, Ferguson 1-0-7-0, Tickner 0.5-0-7-0.

Toss: NZ; **PoM:** Suryakumar.
India won by six wickets with one ball remaining to level series 1-1.
Third and final T20I: February 1, Ahmedabad, 7 p.m.

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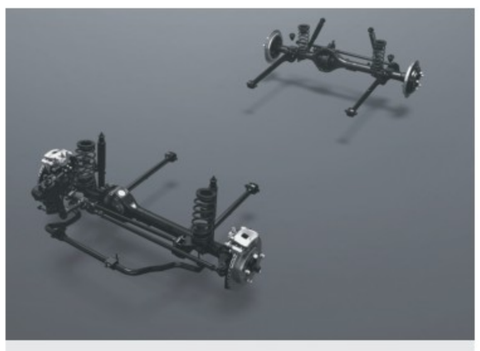

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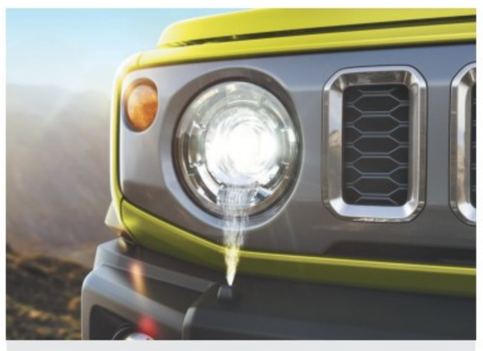

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